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New Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Gallagher excited to get career going in Wilmington

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WILMINGTON — Newly appointed Assistant Superintendent Sean Gallagher achieved great success as a principal at Beverly High School. When he decided to seek out a central office position, the Wilmington school system stood out to him against the sea of options.

"Wilmington just really stood out to me as a similar community to Beverly," Gallagher said. "I was also a

wrestling and football coach, and we competed against Wilmington over those years and I always had a lot of respect for the student-athletes and the community of Wilmington."

Since his hiring over the summer, Gallagher has spent a great deal of time familiarizing himself with the staff, the schools, and the town.

"This is a very welcoming community, from the students themselves to the parents and the teachers and the principals," Gallagher said. Those feelings were only

reinforced following summer training, which gave him one-on-one time with the hard-working faculty and staff that make the Wilmington school system what it is.

"What I really took out of that week was just the professionalism of the district leaders and the principals. You can just tell that it's a very special place to work," Gallagher said. "Everyone puts students first and really rallies together to do their best for the students."

Gallagher took over Beverly High School as principal

in 2006. During his time there, he helped launch a number of exciting programs and projects, including a freshman academy, a senior internship program, and laptop initiative.

His departure was much mourned by administrators and students in Beverly, with many taking to social media to lament his leaving.

Beverly's despondence was matched by the Wilmington administration's enthusiasm for his hiring.

"We are thrilled to have Sean join our team," said Su-

perintendent Mary DeLai in an official press release. "His experience with leading innovation in teaching and learning, his focus on lifelong learning for both students and staff, and his commitment to helping all students succeed are assets that we as a district value greatly."

Prior to Beverly, Gallagher worked as an elementary health educator in Everett Public Schools, a special education teacher in Lynn, and a health educator in Salem,



▲ SEAN GALLAGHER

(Courtesy photo)

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Merenda spent
previous 20 years in
Everett School System

Wilmington High School welcomes new assistant principal

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WILMINGTON — With the school year now underway, hundreds of new faces are flocking through the halls of Wilmington High School. One of those new faces isn't a student, but new Assistant Principal Jonathan Merenda.

Merenda arrives in Wilmington following a lengthy career in Everett, where he began teaching almost 20 years ago as an English teacher and drama club adviser. For the past five years, Merenda not only taught English, but worked as head of the data office at the Everett High School.

Those many years of experience has left Merenda with firm ideas regarding the value of education.

"Learning is a risky endeavor that requires a safe and collaborative environment where students feel comfortable sharing their ideas and asking questions," Merenda said. "I approach teaching and learning with respect. Respect for the student, the teacher, the content and the environment."

As committed as Merenda was to Everett, his ambitions



▲ Walkers Mason Hazelfookes, Tommy Peieira and Charlie Chiocciariello waited in the crosswalk on their way to school on the first day in Wilmington.

(Photos by Maureen Brady)



No back-to-school blues here!

◀ Alice Crowley tried out her seat in Mrs. Bertolami's first grade classroom on Monday

Route 38 detour in Wilmington beginning Sept. 9

WILMINGTON — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that detours will be in place in Wilmington on the Route 38 Bridge beginning in the evening on Friday, September 9 and concluding Monday morning, September 12, and

then again detours will be in place September 23 until September 26.

Bridge maintenance work will be taking place and will involve installing shoring posts and jacking girders.

Beginning at 8 p.m., September 9, vehicle traffic in the area will be detoured un-

til 5 a.m., Monday, September 12. Detours will again be in place from 8 p.m., Friday, September 23 through 5 a.m., Tuesday, September 26. The detours are as follows:

• Vehicles traveling northbound on Route 38 will be detoured onto Eames Street and then Woburn Street and

then Route 129.

• Vehicles traveling southbound will be detoured onto Route 129 and then Woburn Street and then Eames Street.

Drivers are urged to use caution and reduce speed while traveling through the area.

The Route 38 Bridge is lo-

cated above commuter rail tracks in Wilmington but the bridge maintenance work will not impact commuter rail service. The MBTA Lowell Line Commuter Rail service is expected to operate as scheduled, though customers may experience minor delays.

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Exclusive interview with Town Crier Selectmen Mike McCoy: "Everything I said was accurate and honest"

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WILMINGTON — Months after touching off one of the most intensely contested controversies in recent local politics, Selectman Michael McCoy makes no apologies.

In exclusive interviews with the Town Crier, McCoy stood by the criticisms and accusations he leveled at the April Town Meeting against former Selectman Michael Newhouse and current Chairwoman Judith O'Connell.

"Everything I said was accurate and honest," McCoy said.

McCoy touched off a firestorm of controversy at Town Meeting when, while reading an article which would amend and clarify the process associated with naming new members to the Board of Appeals, he publicly accused Newhouse and O'Connell of threatening Town Manager Jeff Hull's employment. Per McCoy, this threat was borne out of frustration with that summer's handling of a controversy surrounding the Board of Appeals process.

All implicated parties strenuously denied McCoy's accusations. As the argument raged through the next several Board of Selectmen meeting, a constant refrain from the other Selectmen was why McCoy chose that forum and that method to bring up his accusations, and not any time previously in executive or public session.

"I believe that was Article 41. I thought it was the proper place to bring it up,"

McCoy said. "It just wasn't simple housekeeping. A lot of things happened relative to Article 41 behind the scenes. It was just not simple housekeeping. I've been in government a long time, and I've seen housekeeping. I know the difference between housekeeping and articles where there is another political element. There was no question to me that it was the appropriate place to bring it up."

McCoy frequently cites his long career with the Board of Selectmen, going back 27 years. When asked to describe his proudest accomplishment in that time, he places the emphasis on what he described as "constituent services."

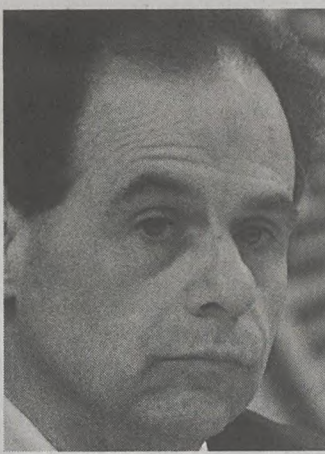
"I get back to people with a question," he said. "I answer them immediately. When someone has a concern, I make sure I take the time to talk to them."

McCoy stands by his statement, but maintains that having had his say, he is eager and willing to move forward with the Board of Selectmen onto new business and the governing of the town.

"I did what I did," McCoy said. "I said what I had to say. I'm moving forward. I'm not going to bring that up unless I need to bring it up or someone else brings it up and I need to talk about it."

But even with the Selectmen committing to moving forward and not looking back, it was clear in speaking with McCoy that aspects of the debates still rankled him.

At the June 22 Selectmen meeting, both McCoy and O'Connell publicly stated that they were ending the



feud and would not address the matter going forward. In a lacerating statement, O'Connell referred to McCoy as "a disingenuous human being."

She further stated, "I will work with you, but I do not respect you and I do not respect the conduct that you have exhibited during several of these meetings."

O'Connell concluded by expressing her hope that McCoy would be voted out of office should he seek re-election when his term is up next spring.

"In all my years being a member of the Board of Selectmen no one's ever actually said to me publicly, 'I hope you lose,'" McCoy said. "I would never say that to a colleague. I think that was downright mean and very unprofessional of her to make those comments."

"I take responsibility for having said that," O'Connell said. "I have no ill will towards Mr. McCoy. I don't want to perpetuate any feud."

O'Connell declined to speak further on the matter, stating that she intended to focus on the future of the town.

"From my standpoint, we reached a finality with that [matter]," O'Connell said.

McCoy, too, is adamant that his focus is now solely on moving the town into the future. The Facilities Master Plan is still under development, the Yentile Farm Project is moving forward, along with numerous other obstacles and opportunities that Wilmington now faces.

"There's not a magic credit card out there for us to have," McCoy said. "We really need to be very careful on how we spend our tax dollars. We need to think of people's pocket books in this community."



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WILMINGTON — The town of Wilmington continues to grow and evolve with the changing times, and as the current Chairwoman for the Board of Selectmen, Judy O'Connell occupies a major position in those changing times. Speaking to the Town Crier, O'Connell expressed a strong commitment to working with Town Manager Jeff Hull, the Board of Selectmen, and the rest of the town administration to meet those challenges head on.

Traffic concerns, substance abuse issues, the ongoing efforts of the New England Transrail to develop transloading operation in town, and limited resources for an expanding set of needs, all these occupy places of major concern for O'Connell.

And for each of these challenges, the Board is working to try and meet the needs of the community. For example, with opioid use claiming headlines, O'Connell stated that the Selectmen are throwing their full support behind local efforts to combat this rising trend.

"The Board supports the efforts of the Substance Abuse Coalition, the School Department, Father Earley and others to set up programs to create awareness and offer advice on ways to address the problem," O'Connell said. "Selectmen will also be seeking a status on efforts to follow through on the 2016 annual town meeting article to obtain counseling services to assist town departments as they confront substance abuse cases."

In discussing town business, O'Connell repeatedly stressed an emphasis on inter-departmental cooperation. For long term projects like the Facilities Master Plan, there are dozens of organizations and individuals with needs to be

Declines to comment
about issues with McCoy

Chairwoman Judy O'Connell says the past is over, now entire BOS will meet upcoming town issues and challenges

heard and met as plans are designed and action prepared.

"The Facilities Master Plan is an important effort that continues to move forward. The Town Manager has advised the Board that input is to be sought from many key stakeholder groups including the Elderly Services Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Board of Library Trustees, the School Committee and others," O'Connell said. "Given the number of municipal buildings it is critical for us to develop a long term plan for there use, upgrade, replacement and maintenance. Often times work completed on one building or a change in use for one building will have implications for other facilities."

Asked to comment on the recent turmoil between the Board of Selectmen following Selectman Michael McCoy's accusation that O'Connell and former Selectmen Michael Newhouse applied pressure to Hull and threatened his employment following disputes last year, O'Connell declined to comment, stating that she had said her final piece on the matter during the June 13 Board of Selectmen meeting and preferred to focus on the future.

"I once again have no further comment on this as I indicated I was done with this type of discussion on June 13 and I intend to honor that," O'Connell said. "I take responsibility for the comments that I have made and I will let the record stand for itself."

While she would not comment on the disputes with McCoy, O'Connell maintained that the Board of Selectmen continues to function as needed in serving the citizens of the town.

"As five individuals, we cannot be expected to always agree on all matters but I intend to make every effort to see that meetings are conducted in an efficient, respectful and professional

manner as residents no doubt expect," O'Connell said.

That immediate future holds challenges and opportunities for the town, whether that is on the macro level of long term projects like the Yentile Farm or the micro level of personnel changes with the town administration.

Asked what sort of major events or milestones await in the remainder of the year, O'Connell singled out the retirement of Recreation Department leader Debbie Cipriani as a significant event in the near future.

"[Debbie] has expanded the types of program offered from trips like the one planned to Iceland to kinder karate to Top Secret Science to upholstery classes to name a few," O'Connell said. "Debbie's positive 'can-do' attitude has become the hallmark of the department. She has been the Town's ambassador of fun."

"Debbie will be dearly missed but I believe I can speak for the entire Board in extending our best wishes for a healthy and active retirement."

Entering into the last phase of 2016, O'Connell stated to the Crier that as Chairperson, she remained committed to working with the rest of the town government to keep Wilmington running smoothly.

"My approach will continue to be to remain in regular contact with the Town Manager about major projects and issues that the Board should weigh in on and issues that specifically fall within the purview of the Board's authority," O'Connell said. "Each member of the Board comes to the position with a distinct background and perspective."

"I will continue to be open to entertaining suggested topics related to town business from other Board members and to facilitate discussions during meetings to reach a conclusion that is in the best interest of the town."

Many changes highlighted last year's school year in Wilmington

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WILMINGTON — Wilmington kicked off last year by opening a time capsule from over 50 years ago, allowing students and staff to take stock of how much change has occurred in the schools, the town, and the world in that time. Change is ever-present throughout a school year, with everyone working together to work through major events.

Some of those changes are still ongoing. Last November, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education announce they were doing away with both the PARCC and the MCAS tests after years of debate over which one would become the default standard test for Massachusetts students. Instead, a new test has been devised and will be used in the spring of 2017, a test that adopts features from both the PARCC and MCAS.

Among the things that staff and administration hope to rectify in the coming school year is the achievement gap between regular education and special needs students.

"Non-disabled Students [sic] outperform Students with Disabilities [sic] by more than double," read an October report, in a trend that committee member Mary Byrnes referred to as "alarming."

"With respect to Wilmington's MCAS results, I was not necessarily surprised [but] disappointed that we were

not able to make better gains in closing the proficiency gap between the High Needs and Non-High Needs subgroups, particularly for students with disabilities and students who are economically disadvantaged," said Superintendent Mary DeLai, when the report was released. "For ELA, 88 percent

of students without disabilities scored proficient or advanced while only 35% of students with disabilities achieved at this level. In math, the gap is 79 percent versus 21 percent."

It remains to be seen what the 2016 spring test results will look like.

One of the biggest changes

weathered by the school system was the departure of longtime Athletic Director Ed Harrison. The widely beloved Harrison stepped down after 13 years of service to the students of Wilmington.

His departure set off a lengthy search process that concluded with the announcement that Timothy Alberts, formerly the Director of Athletics and Physical Education for Matignon High School in Cambridge, as new Athletic Director.

Other big administration changes include the departure of Dennis Mahoney from the position of Assistant Principal at the High School, and the appointment of Sean Gallagher as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Staff Development. Mahoney became the principal at Winchester High School.

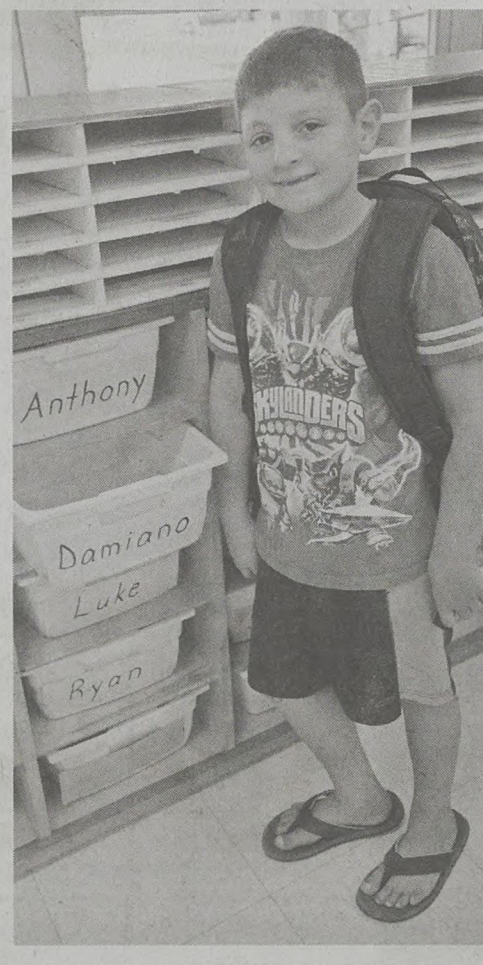
And still other changes may be in the wings. In March, the school committee voted to authorize DeLai to join in with other superintendents from Middlesex in petitioning for new start times for schools. The proposed changes would take effect in 2018, moving High School start times to between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., in contrast with the 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. start time currently used in the Middlesex League. After school competitions would be scheduled to ensure that students did not miss academic time.

With changes to staff and programming, and potentially bigger changes on the way, Wilmington will keep adjusting with the times.

This must be the place!

Woburn Street student Damiano DiCenso found his bin in his new first grade classroom during Monday evening's open house.

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Shawsheen Tech leads the way with new innovation lab, high-tech security

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BILLERICA — When the opening bell rings on Sept. 6, Shawsheen Valley Technical High School will open its doors with a new interdisciplinary pre-engineering program and innovation lab and a state-of-the-art security system.

Shawsheen Tech will become the first vocational and technical high school in the area to implement Project Lead the Way, a program in which students from the advanced manufacturing vocational programs work together in a new innovation lab designed to encourage interdisciplinary learning.

"Traditionally in our advanced manufacturing program, students have learned in various shops including the machine shop, electronics, CAD design and drafting, metal fabrication and welding, but these same students have not interacted in teams outside of their disciplines. In the 21st century economy, these things are done in an interdisciplinary manner," said Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Tim Broadrick.

"Our new engineering classroom and innovation lab is a place where we will bring students together from

these different vocational educational areas to learn how their disciplines interrelate and teach them to work together on the full design, control and manufacturing process," he continued.

The goal of Project Lead the Way is to break down the barriers and remove the silos between the different disciplines of technical and vocational training.

"Every young person needs to know problem solving, creative thinking and how to work together with different teams. We're doing that with this program," said Russell Eckel, Shawsheen Tech's Workforce and Community Services coordinator.

James Muthig, an expert in training other teachers how to become certified in Project Lead the Way, joined the faculty as the director of this new program.

"Everything has to come together for a widget to be made," Muthig said. "The drafter has to understand the electrical system and so on. Working together on projects provides an understanding of how the whole works and we will do that here. I'm very excited to be here in hopes of bringing a little bit more of an idea of what engineering is all about."

A new engineering and innovation classroom was created with tables on wheels that can be moved as

needed with outlets hanging from the ceiling to provide ultimate space and flexibility. This classroom is adjacent to the mechanical shops so students can go back and forth easily.

In addition to adding the new pre-engineering and innovation classroom, Shawsheen Tech has also installed an innovative security system for the high school's physical plant.

The new system was installed as part of a three phase project which will secure the entrances of Shawsheen Tech. Security starts at the front door where a security vestibule has been built. Student and staff members will be issued identification cards that they will use to gain access.

Additionally, all visitors will be screened by Lobby Guard, an electronic background check system that pulls information from state driver's license or state identification card. The project was initiated by the school committee, which has been interested in increasing school security in the wake of tragic incidences in other part of the country.

"The School Committee established a safety subcommittee, and this system was something they recommended," Broadrick said.

A part-time security officer will be on site with the

Shawsheen Tech Principal Robert Kanellas hires teachers who can work with students of all levels and abilities.

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potential of making the job full time in the future.

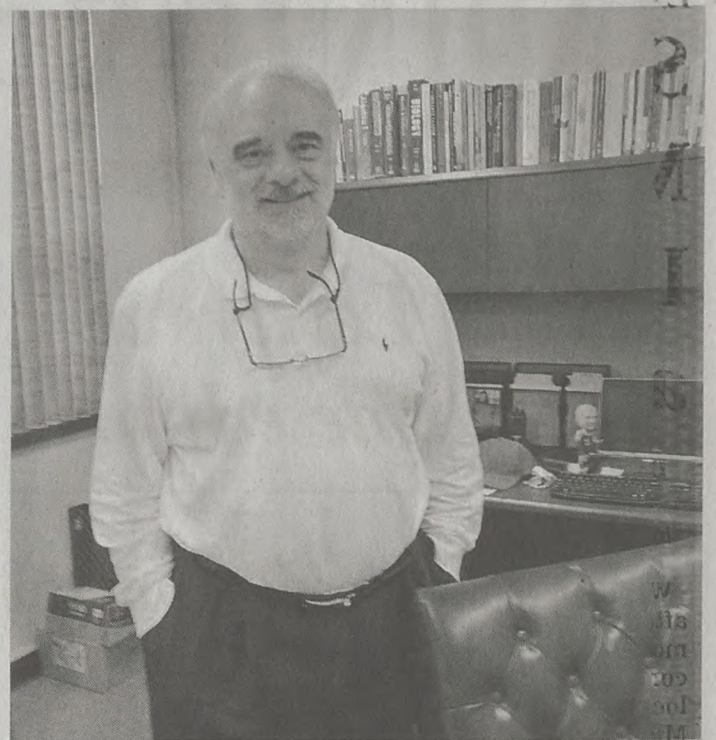
Phase one involves the lobby and main exterior door being secured and accessed with a key card swipe. Phase two will involve looking at all exterior doors. Phase three, which may take some time, Broadrick said, will be to secure interior doors, making some only accessible through a card-swipe system.

"When we are done we will need to look at our video surveillance system to make sure it is till up to date," Broadrick said. "At Shawsheen Tech our faculty is outstanding and our students are accomplishing great thing. We want to make sure they are able to do what they do without worrying about safety and security."

Shawsheen Tech will open with 340 students in its freshman class and with four new staff members, including Muthig.

"We hire teachers who can work with students of all levels of ability," said Shawsheen Tech Principal Robert Kanellas. "Our students do well and we look forward to this trend continuing."

Shawsheen Tech serves the five towns of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury and Wilmington.



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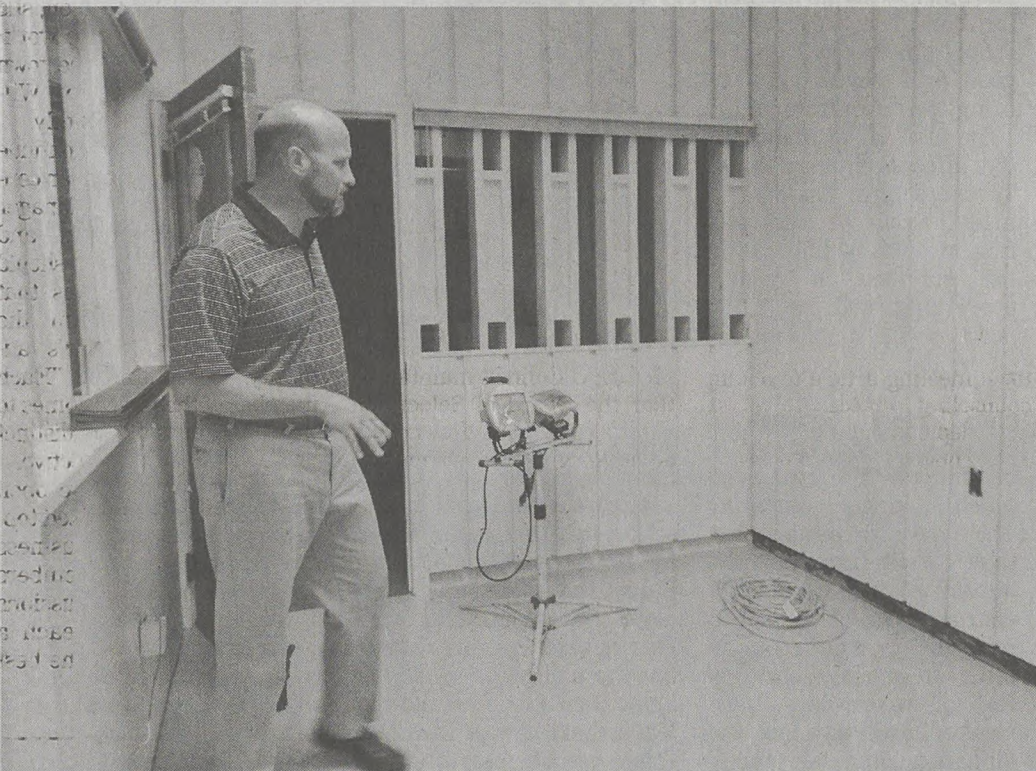
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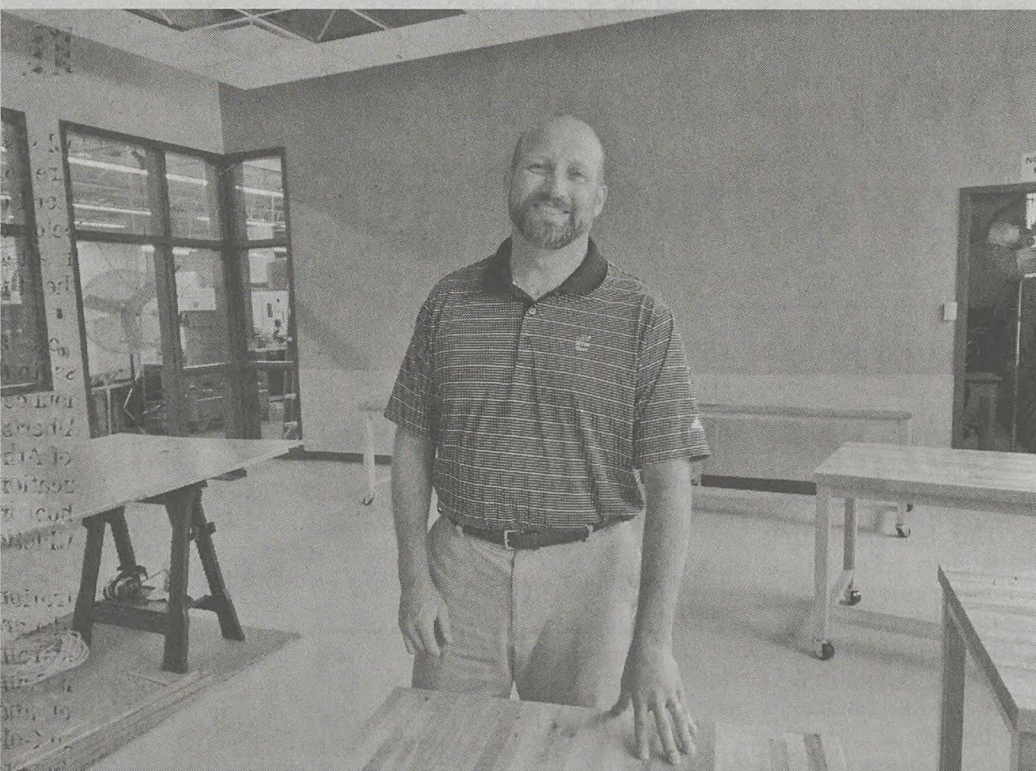
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▲ Physical safety is of paramount importance at Shawsheen Tech. Superintendent Tim Broadrick shows a new security vestibule where visitors will be screened by Lobby Guard, an ID security system.



▲ All electrical lines and outlets are in tucked into the ceiling in the new Innovation and Technology space to allow for the most flexibility below where students work.

Stevens to participate in Alzheimer's Walk, Sept. 18

Stacey Stevens of Wilmington will participate in the Alzheimer's Association's Northeastern Massachusetts Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 18 at Brimstone Square in Andover.

Stevens joins the event in honor her mother, Selma, who is currently living with Alzheimer's.

"I am participating in this Walk to honor her and to stand with others like her and their families in the fight against Alzheimer's," said Stevens. "Through fund-

raising and extensive research, may we one day find a cure that will end this disease once and for all.

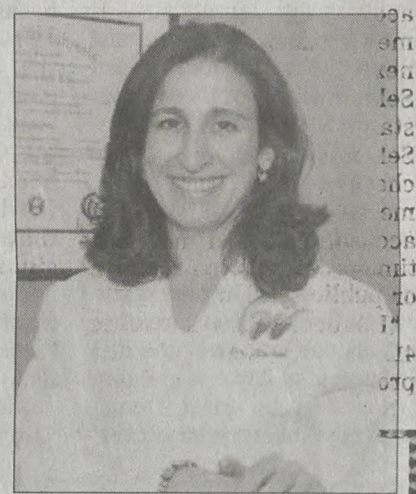
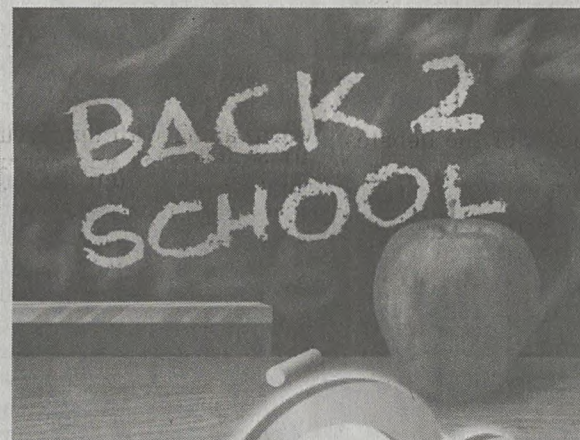
This is Stevens' first time participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's — the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Stacey's team The Gaminizers has raised almost \$800 to date for this year's event.

"We are grateful to each person who makes a commitment to the Walk to End

Alzheimer's by participating, volunteering or making a donation," said Jim Wessler, president/CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, MA/NH Chapter. "The funds raised will provide support services to people impacted by Alzheimer's, while also contributing to the research that is critical to putting an end to this disease."

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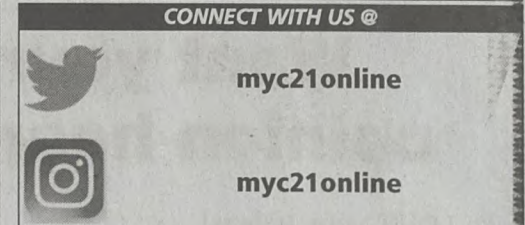
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Letters to the editor

A vote for Paul Girouard for House of Representatives

Dear Editor:

I wish to express my heartfelt support of Paul Girouard in his bid to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Having met with him personally for the first time two years ago when he first ran for political office, I was very much impressed by his embrace of the principles that energize governance toward the Common Good. Among these is the fact that the vast majority of new jobs created in the world arise from small business ventures launched mostly by people who invest their money to develop goods and services other people find useful.

Big business bureaucracies are rarely able to enter this unique arena, (largely due to the many and varied government regulations which circumscribe their activities). Government bureaucracies, which are characterized by their vastly larger size, is even less capable of making the requisite day-to-day decisions involved in these types of new ventures, (the Solyn-dra debacle being a prime example of that verity).

These regulations present a host of impediments to all budding entrepreneurs; and it explains a great part of the stagnation in job creation across our land over the last four years. This is seldom recognized by most Democrat lawmakers, whose over-

riding interest lies in being re-elected by the recipients of government largess, (while their taxpaying citizens bear the brunt of ever-growing taxation).

Incidentally, this deleterious trend has recently been reversed by the action of Republican governors in several states, (Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, etc., etc.), who have managed to right their fiscal boats by reducing tax rates, among other principled measures.

In the latest example of this, Governor Baker last week vetoed a plan pushed by Democrat leaders that would have been a first step toward taxing drivers based on how many miles they drive. Don't we already pay a heavy tax every time we fill our gas tank with gas; and isn't this already the simplest measure of miles driven? Why on earth should we further burden these taxpayers, except to find other tax revenues?

Paul Girouard, following the common-sense principles noted above, has promised to vote against raising the Gas Tax. On the other hand, the incumbent Ken Gordon has voted 6 times to raise it.

This is but one of several important areas involving clear-cut choices between these two candidates: Voters, beware!

Sincerely,

Henry A. Miranda, Jr.

Heath Brook Playground coordinators say thank you

Dear Editor:

The Heath Brook Playground in Tewksbury is ready for action thanks to parents and community volunteers who came together to make this refreshed space safe and fun for Tewksbury's kids.

It is important to acknowledge the folks who gave their time and support to this project.

A continuation of the 2013 voter approval of Community Preservation money for this project, thanks go out to Town Manager Richard Montuori and Mrs. Nancy Reed of the Community Preservation Committee. School Department Business Manager Sheri Matthews and Maintenance Director Jon Marchand lent their support to the project as well.

Thanks to Principal Felicia Wettstone for working with the team and giving access when needed. Also, a big thanks to the Heath Brook/Trahan PAC.

Another huge thank you to Mike Merrill of Colonial Construction for donating

his excavation and site prep including excavators, dump trucks, and a bobcat. Additional site prep support for the Heath Brook came from MDR Construction, Ryan Nelson, Joe Germano and Nick Romano. Once again, a phenomenal team effort.

On-site management during the build was a success, thanks to the dedicated parent volunteers who contributed on build day and brought the structure to life. Special shout outs go to Meghan Laffey, Mike Squires, Joe Chou and Victor Impink who gave many additional hours of time on prep work and securing the structures. Thank you to Paige Impink for handling project details, troubleshooting and liaison duties, and Bridget Garabedian for bringing a group to run the last bit of mulch spreading home.

Tewksbury can be proud of all of its playgrounds now!

Sincerely,

Meghan Laffey and Mike Squires, Heath Brook Coordinators



Everyone's heading BACK TO SCHOOL

By MORGAN HAKALA
News Correspondent

The commercials have been on TV for weeks. The ads fill the newspapers. The days are getting shorter, and summer is winding down. It is that time of year again. Yes, it is time to go back to school.

Kids and teachers alike are preparing for another great school year. Some may not realize it, though, that getting ready for school, although exciting, can also be a stressful time for teachers, not just students.

The basic worries for students starting a new school year is who will their teacher(s) be and who will be in their class. They always hope to have some friends and to get the teacher they have heard good things about from past students. They worry about what school supplies to get, how to decorate

their lockers, and what backpack will be the best for them. They worry if the school lunches will be any good, or if they will have to bring their own from home.

The first day of school jitters affect everyone though. Teachers are anxious to meet their classes after putting in a lot of effort over the summer to ensure everything will be. They purchase the supplies needed for the classroom, decorate it appropriately, and plan lessons. Setting up classrooms can especially be difficult for those who teach younger students. They have to ensure that they have appropriate, attractive, but not overly distracting decorations to brighten up their room in order to make their kids feel at ease. They have signs of encouragement, the alphabet, and so much more. They might also have designated areas for different subjects or activities or



even a little library of classroom books.

Middle school and high school teachers do not have to go to such extremes. Since their students are older, the decorations are less necessary. They also have to plan ways to get to know their students and to learn their names which I think would probably be one of the hardest parts about being a teacher.

Even parents are anxious

because they want their children to have great school years and to learn all the important things that they need to know in order to be successful.

A hard part for both students and teachers alike is getting back on a school day schedule after having an entire summer off. Bedtimes are thrown off. Sleeping in has become a luxury. But, it is important, especially for the kids, to get back into a routine. This way the children will be sure to get enough sleep in order to perform well during the school day. Teachers have the same problem too.

School has started for me as well. I am back at college ready to take on my senior year. This column will be my last one, at least for now, while I tackle the craziness that is sure to be this year. Thank you to all who read my columns every week; I really appreciate it!

New Schedule at Tewksbury High School

Sessa's Corner



Julia Sessa is a senior at TMHS and will be an intern for the Town Crier. She will be writing on different topics every week concerning TMHS.

By JULIA SESSA
News Correspondent

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TEWKSBURY — With the new school year quickly approaching TMHS administrators have made some changes to the academic curriculum and how they schedule students into classes. The new schedule at TMHS is a seven-day, seven block waterfall schedule. Each day two blocks drop, so students are enrolled in seven classes but have five classes on a rotating basis each day of the cycle.

"The most important goal is to provide all students with more opportunities to take electives and advanced placement classes," said TMHS Principal Kristen Vogel. "In the past, students were extremely limited when it came to taking electives because there was no room in their schedule."

This being the first year the new schedule is being implemented, some concerns have been discussed throughout the community.

"Some things that worries me about having a new schedule is the stress of more classes," said TMHS senior Paige McGaffigan. "I feel like students will be overwhelmed, but not having that class everyday should help with that. Also what worries me is having seven different lunches."

"As a student, lunch is the only time we have to socialize, and having seven different lunches is stressful due to the fact we will be with different people every day." Since more classes are available for students in the new schedule, some have taken an appreciation of the opportunity to put more rigorous courses into their academic curriculum.

"When I first heard about the new schedule I was excited, because it gives students more flexibility while picking their schedules" said senior Hailey Sexton.

The first year is a trial period to see how the facul-

ty and students react to the change. Administration seems very excited for the opportunities students will gain with this new schedule being put into effect.

"We have been working on this for two years! We will certainly review it after year one and make adjust-

ments as needed." Vogel said.

The new schedule at TMHS, will provide students with a heavier workload, but will also provide the freedom for students to fill their schedules with extra classes that pertain to their interest.

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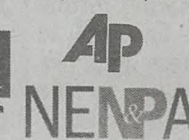
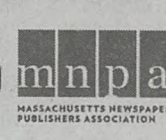
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Food, dance routines, face paintings all part of the WCTV Family Fun Day event

By KRISTA BRESNAHAN
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WILMINGTON — Sunday afternoon many children in Wilmington were able to enjoy pizza, popcorn, popsicles, and drinks as part of the WCTV Family Day.

Besides the food, the kids could also get balloon animals and balloon headbands of all different shapes and colors.

"It's an end of the summer thank you to all of the kids who participated in our summer program," said Shaun Neville, the Executive Direc-

tor for WCTV. "There is a lot of food, activities, and things that are going on inside the studio. We just hope that everyone has a good time."

Inside the studio tours were available as well as face painting and pictures taken in front of the green screen. Families of all different ages were there having a good time, with children walking around with their balloon animals and their faces painted with small things like hearts as well as bigger pieces that framed their faces.

"It's fun for my kids to get to see the studio and they

love the balloon animals and getting their faces painted," said Brian Mason.

As the event was going on there was music played to encompass the tastes of everyone, with a summery theme to it. The DJ for the event was Lisa Kapala, who is also the Community Relations Coordinator for WCTV.

"I'm the Membership Coordinator by day and a DJ by night, so doing this combines two things that I love," said Kapala. "And this event is fun because the whole community can get together."

At 1:30 there was a performance from students of the Lorraine Spada School of Dance that drew in quite the crowd. Parents and siblings came to see their daughters and sisters perform in front of those who were attending the Family Fun Day.

"We came out today to watch my daughter who is on the dance team," said Lisa Waterworth.

Sunday was the perfect day for an outside event, hot and sunny with some shade and cold treats such as popsicles available. If the heat was getting to be too much, there was also the ability to go inside and take a tour of the studio to get out of the heat for a while and see something you may not have seen before. All parties, those working and attending the event, were having fun in the sun before the end of summer and the return of school.



▲ Lorraine Spada's dance company girls performed at the WCTV Family Fun Day on Sunday.

► Lindsey Lavoie and Ellie Bowman got a balloon animal from Tim Levesque, also known as "Yarrow the Clown" during the WCTV Family Funda Day on Sunday.

(All photos by Maureen Brady)



▲ Riley Waterworth, age 8, enjoyed a slice of pizza at the WCTV Family Fun Day on Sunday.

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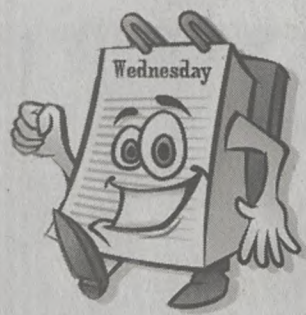
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Kindergarten and preschool start, Annual Town Clean-up Day, Craft Fair

Farmers Market

Sundays through October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Swain Green, Town Common

The Farmers Market is excited to launch their sixth season with many of your favorite vendors from years past and new vendors to delight your senses, plus more entertainment and activities than ever before. The Farmers Market is fun for the whole family.

The Children's Table is staffed each week with a volunteer who will help your youngsters with a fun craft. The entertainment selection may include dance and musical performances. Plus, hula hoops, jump ropes, ring toss and an occasional cornhole game will help keep everyone entertained while you shop!

Visit www.wilmingtonfarmersmarket.com for more information or to volunteer at the market for service hours.

Cheerleader for a Day

Come join your Wilmington High School Cheerleaders for a mini clinic and game day experience. Participants will have the opportunity to cheer on the sidelines of a real varsity football game and perform at halftime. Don't miss out on a chance to be part of the action! The event will take place on Friday September 9, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. - End of Football Game (Check-in from at 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.). It is open to any child K1 - 8 grade (2016-2017 school year). The cost is \$35 per child in advance \$40 per child day of event (\$5 discount for more than one child) and that includes: T-shirt, Instruction, child's admission to game, water & a pizza party. Participants are asked to wear a T-shirt, athletic shoes and shorts/pants. Questions: Coach Amanda Beddia 978-810-2277 or CoachAmandaBeddia@gmail.com. Participants will take part a mini clinic from 3-5:30 at Wilmington High School on the field where they will learn cheers, jumps and a halftime dance. At 5:30-6:30 they will have a pizza party with the WHS Cheerleaders. At 6:30 they will watch the WHS Cheerleaders warm up for the game that starts at 7 pm. They will cheer the game on the sidelines with the girls and perform at halftime.

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Area Calendar

Alzheimer's Walk, Regional Theatre Workshop, Symphony Orchestra Auditions

ANDOVER

Andover Walk to End Alzheimer's Sunday, September 18, 8:30 a.m., Brickstone Square

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, and 12 locations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages to end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

We're reaching out to invite members of your civic group to get involved with the Northeastern MA Walk to End Alzheimer's taking place on Sunday, September 18th at Brickstone Square in Andover, MA.

To learn more about how your group can support the Northeastern MA Walk To End Alzheimer's, please contact Lauren at: lritchie@alz.org or 617-868-6718.

METHUEN

North Regional Theatre Workshop-Calling All Singers Age 9 to 90

Come and join the fun - be a part of the North Regional Theatre Workshop's Annual Christmas Show "Home for the Holidays, 2016". Everyone interested in joining us is invited to come Tuesday, September 6, 2016 to First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant St, Methuen at 6:30 pm, for registration and children's auditions.

The North Regional Theatre Workshop (NRTW) is very excited to be entering their 39th season and is reaching out to singers of all ages from the young to the not so young. The children's choir will include children in grades 4th grade and up. Each child should be prepared to sing the first verse of "Silent Night" this evening. Rehearsals for the children will be Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A \$25.00 Show Fee will be required from all children participating in the show. Other important information will be distributed to

parents once the children's chorus members have been determined. We are also looking to add new voices into our adult chorus. There are no special auditions for adults to join. If you love to sing, if you have fun learning harmony and if you enjoy meeting people and making new friends, please come and join. There is a \$30.00 Show Fee required for adults participating in the show and adults must pay a membership fee.

Rehearsals for the adults Monday evenings from 7:30 p.m.-10:00p.m. Production dates for "Home for the Holidays, 2016" are Friday & Saturday, December 3 & 4 at 8 p.m., and Sunday December 5 at 2 p.m.

Please plan to come to Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 for registration. Join us as we prepare to sing our way towards "Home For the Holidays, 2016!" Call 978-683-3600 with any questions or for additional information, visit nrtwinc.com and check us out on Facebook.

The North Regional Theatre Workshop is a 501(c)3

Conservation

Commission Annual Town Clean-up Day

Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Rain date: October 1

The Wilmington Conservation Commission invites you to help clean up Wilmington's streams, parks and conservation lands by removing litter and debris. Work gloves will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Please bring hip boots if you have them.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome! Meet at the DPW Building at 135 Andover Street for assignments. For more information, please call the Planning & Conservation Department at 978-658-8238 or email wmcgowan@wilmingtonma.gov.

12th Annual Half Marathon/5K

Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Wilmington's 12th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk presented by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce will be held once again at the WCTV studio on Waltham St. Be sure to sign up early for this popular race that has become tradition for so many. There will be a professional race, certified courses, music, food tent, awards/medals, Chamber member booths, raffles, give-aways and more! Visit www.wilmingtonchamber.org/race for more information.

7th Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic

Friday, September 30, Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen

In celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month, the Wilmington Sons of Italy and the Italian Heritage Month Committee are holding their 7th Annual Golf Tournament. Tee time is 8:30 a.m., a shotgun start and a scramble format. Donation of \$125 per player includes a continental breakfast, breakfast sandwich at the turn, luncheon buffet, green fees, golf cart, goodie bag and gift. There will be contests on the course which will include closest to the pin and a 50/50 raffle hole. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams with

the lowest scores.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. If golf is not your sport, but you are interested in making a charitable donation, you can become a sponsor.

For just \$100 or \$50 you or your business can sponsor a Hole or Golf Cart. Your name will appear on a sign which will be prominently displayed. The committee is also accepting raffle donations. Those of you just wanting to enjoy a delicious luncheon buffet, tickets are available at a donation of \$30. For more information or registration and/or sponsorship forms, please contact Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

Second Annual Alonardo Memorial 5K

The second annual Tony Alonardo Memorial Road Race will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wilmington Town Common/4 of July Building. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race will begin from WHS. You may register online at www.racewire.com/register.php?id=6255. Cost is \$35. Online registration will close on October 6.

You then can register the morning of the race from 7:30-9, cash and checks only. T-shirts are available for the first 100 registrants, and then will be available for \$20 the day of the event. If you would like to sponsor the event, volunteer or any other questions can be directed to Melanie Foley at 978-337-1870.

Sons of Italy Craft Fair

Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Villanova Hall

The Sons of Italy Junior Lodge is looking for vendors and crafters for their annual craft fair. If you are a crafter or vendor interested in supporting this fundraiser, send an email to wilmingtonjrsi@aol.com for an application. Money from the craft fair goes to the Wilmington Junior Lodge to support charity and scholarships.

READING

Reading Symphony Orchestra Auditions, Saturday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (or by special arrangement) Parking lot behind Centre Congregational Church, 5 Summer Street in Lynnfield Contact reading@readingsymphony.org or readingsymphony.org/join-us for details on the audition process or contact George Ogata, Music Director and Conductor, at 781-245-1790. For more information, visit centre-church.org

WINCHESTER

Winchester High School Football, September 9 The Winchester High School Varsity Football team will play against the Wilmington High School Varsity Football team in Wilmington starting at 7:00 p.m.



We never imagined that dogs would go down to the new hoity-toity doggy park and, and, y'know, do THAT! Asking people to pick it up is okay, but taking it away in their cars? What do you expect? Barrels, please.

— Wilmington

Though the Garden Club has disbanded, the flower troughs at prominent locations still thrive! Thanks to all who continue to plant and maintain these beautiful additions to our Wilmington.

— Wilmington

Thank you to George Hooper and staff of the Public Buildings Department for repairing the fascia boards of the historic Wildwood Cemetery office building; built close to a century ago by the WPA.

— Wilmington

The manhole covers on Andover St in Tewksbury are sinking. I've called the DPW twice and submitted online 3 times.

It's caused by the constant line of trucks that exit and enter Frasier Lane daily.

Someone's going to get hurt.

— Tewksbury

To the Wilmington High School field hockey varsity coach for bullying and intimidating the seniors this year. So sad four seniors had to be cut so you could have your super star team. Boy...you are off to a great season!

— Wilmington

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Tewksbury Calendar

Run for Recovery 5K on September 18

Farmers Market

Tuesdays through October 11 from 3-7 p.m., Town Common

Come shop for fresh produce and other local products from shops like Tewksbury Greenery. Prepared food will be available for dinner. Please contact Jeanine at 978-640-4300 if you are a farmer, food vendor, or entertainer and are interested in joining the Farmers Market.

No School

Friday, September 2

Food for Fines Drive at Tewksbury Public Library

For every non-perishable food item donated at the library, \$1 in fines will be cleared from the donor's library card account. Donations must be brought to the Circulation Desk and donors are asked to have their library cards handy. Please note that "Food for Fines" only applies to fines for overdue library materials, not fees for lost or damaged materials.

First TMHS Football Game

The first game will be held on Saturday, September 10 at Doucette Field against Malden Catholic beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Tewksbury 9-11 Memorial

The Tewksbury 911 Memorial Committee will be remembering the 15th anniversary of the 911 attacks at a Memorial Service on September 11 at 8:30 a.m. on the grounds of the 911 Memorial on Main Street.

The service will begin with first responders marching from the Town Common to the Memorial via Main Street. Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic for approximately one half hour.

The SilverTones 15th Anniversary

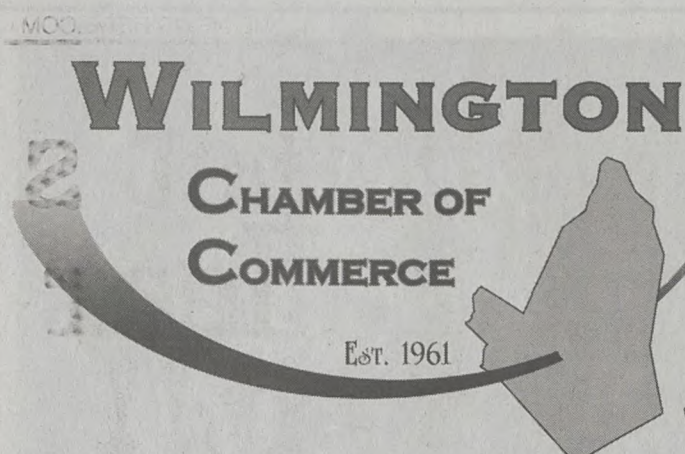
Friday, September 16 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

175 Chandler Street The Tewksbury Senior Center Band, the SilverTones, directed by Mary Beth Foley and made up of 20 professional musicians and vocalists, invite adults to its 15th Anniversary Celebration. Admission is back to the 2001 price of \$5 which includes door prizes, cake and coffee. Bring along your favorite snacks and beverages. Ice is available. There is also a 50/50 raffle. Come for listening, dancing or socializing in the beautiful, air conditioned center. Doors open at 6:30.

Run for Recovery 5K

Into Action Recovery of Tewksbury will be hosting its first 5K Road Race event to be held at Tewksbury Memorial High School on Sunday, September 18 at 9:00 a.m. Registration/bib pickups starts at 7:00 a.m. Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. The cost is \$30 for on-line registration and \$35 for day of race registration.

You may register online at: www.lightbox.com/recovery. All participants will receive a complimentary t-shirt and refreshments will be on sale. Sponsors and volunteers are also needed. For more information contact: infoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com



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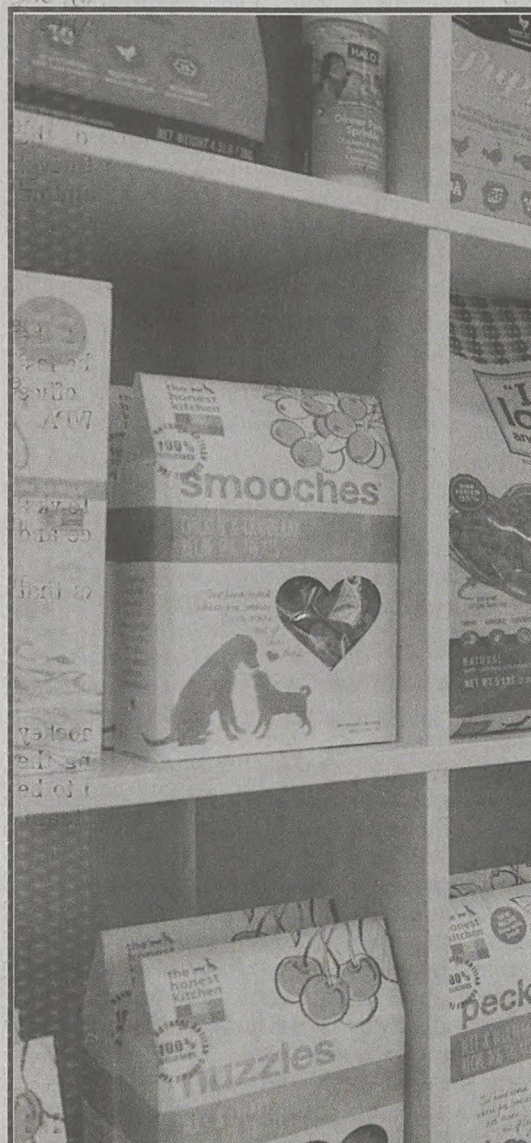
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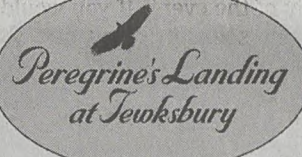
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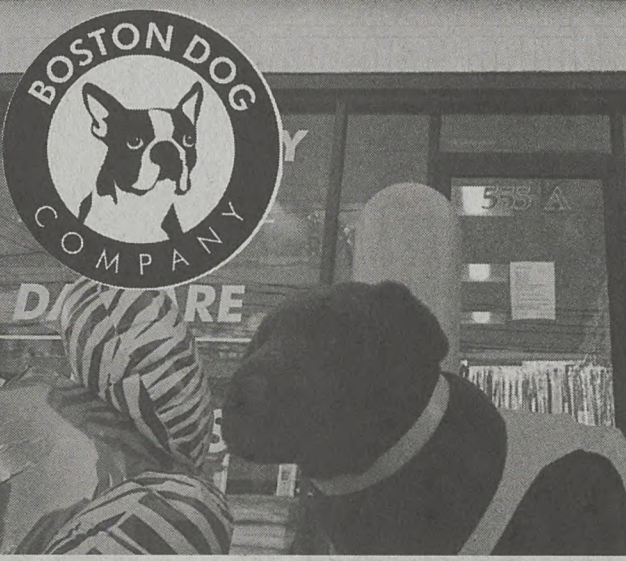
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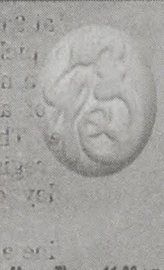
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Thief returns helmet, pays tab at Skipjack's Restaurant

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
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FOXBOROUGH — The strange story of a man believed to be from Wilmington caught on tape stealing an autographed Patriots helmet from a bar in Foxborough, took a decidedly bizarre turn as the thief returned the helmet, and even paid off his tab.

Local sports fans watched in amazement as security footage showed the still unidentified thief hopping over the bar at Skipjack's Restaurant to steal an autographed Patriots helmet while the rest of the patrons were out watching that night's game. The thief can be seen wrapping the helmet up in his Tom Brady jersey before leaving the restaurant without paying.

The helmet was a prized possession for the restaur-

rant. It had been autographed by the 2014 championship team.

Due to being carded for his drinks, authorities knew the culprit was a Wilmington man with a July 1986 birth date.

But the national attention proved to be too much for the sticky-fingered sports fan. Shortly after the story went wide, the restaurant manager was contacted by the thief, offering to return the helmet.

And on Wednesday, August 24, the thief made good on his word. A package arrived at Skipjack's containing the helmet, a note of apology, and cash to pay off the \$70 bar tab that the culprit ditched out on.

Foxborough Chief of Police stated that detectives continue to search for the helmet-snatcher, although at this point it is unknown if the man would even face charges.

Cheers for a cure

The WHS Field Hockey players of all levels participated in the ice bucket challenge to raise funds for A.L.S. research. The event took place on Saturday morning and was sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary Club.

(Photo by Maureen Brady)



Wilmington's first casualty PFC John Rich killed in Vietnam, 50 years ago

By **LARZ F. NEILSON**

Fifty years ago, Wilmington received the news of its first casualty of the war in Vietnam. Marine PFC John A. Rich was fatally wounded while on patrol on Aug. 25, 1966.

A 1964 graduate of Wilmington High School, he was 20 years old. He had been drafted in January 1966. At the induction in the Fargo Building in South Boston, officials asked for four volunteers to go into the Marines, instead of the Army. John was standing next to Francis Mullen, also of Wilmington. John looked at Fran and said, "If you go, I'll go." And they did.

Five months later, John Rich landed in Vietnam. He took part in two major combat operations, Operation Colorado and Operation Hastings. On Aug. 25, he was on a "seek & destroy" mission near Phu Loi when he was shot.

He was survived by his parents, William and Ivy Rich, who had moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. They had lived on Main Street near Butters Row in Wilmington for many years. Bill Rich had owned a trucking business, and then a garage & gas station, where John had worked before being drafted.

His brother William had been wounded in Korea in

Nov. 1952 as a corporal in the Marine Corps.

John was also survived by two sisters, Charlotte and Marie, and another brother, Walter.

He was buried in Scottsdale, Arizona.

A monument to John was set near the Textron tennis courts on Lowell Street in 1985. The stone is local granite, recovered from the rebuilding of Jenks Bridge. The nameplate on the monument is a piece of black granite from the National Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. with his name cut to match the inscription on the National Memorial.

His yearbook entry in the 1964 Hourglass mentions a \$60 hopper. In the spring of 1963, someone blew up a toilet in a boys' room in the high school. John Rich took the blame and had to pay for the toilet. Years later, the story was told. He and three friends were having a cigarette in the boys' room near Room 215. Someone lit an M-80 "blockbuster" firecracker and tossed it to John. He tossed it into a toilet, figuring that would put it out. But that didn't work. The four-some ran out the door, ahead of the flood. Principal Barney McMahon was not pleased and threatened to cancel the Junior Variety Show unless the person who blew up the toilet confessed.

Caputo arrested for B&E and his sixth DUI offense

On Friday morning, August 26, 2016, at approximately 2:00 a.m. Officer Kevin Skinner of the Wilmington Police Department observed a 2007 GMC Envoy operating erratically and at a high rate of speed in the vicinity of Hopkins St. and Shawsheen Ave. in Wilmington. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the operator fled refusing to stop.

Wilmington officers were able to follow the vehicle into Woburn where the operator turned down Joseph Terrace which is a dead end street.

The suspect vehicle then struck a parked vehicle at the end of the street and his exit was blocked by several Wilmington cruisers. The suspect attempted further escape by placing the vehicle in reverse and ramming into two Wilmington cruisers.

The officers were able to get the vehicle stopped and take the operator into custody. It was quickly

learned that the suspect had just committed a Breaking and Entering at The Corner Store on Shawsheen Ave. in Wilmington where Officer Skinner had first observed the suspect. The suspect had used the vehicle to smash in the rear glass door of the business.

The suspect

has been identified as:

Brian J. Caputo, 41, of

Lowell, MA.

Caputo is facing

several charges including:

Operating Under the Influence of

Liquor (6th

Offense);

Using a

Motor Vehicle Without

Authority; Failure to Stop

for Police; Resisting Arrest; B&E of a Building in

the Nighttime; Assault

and Battery with a Dangerous

Weapon; Operating with a Revoked

License; Malicious Destruction of Property; Several Motor Vehicle

Violations.

Caputo will be arraigned later Friday at Woburn District Court.



▲ **BRIAN J. CAPUTO**
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James N. Trites Involved with American Legion and Sr. Citizens Centers

James N. Trites, age 88, of Wilmington, formerly of Billerica, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2016 at Care One of Wilmington.

James was born on March 6, 1928 in Stoneham, MA; he was the cherished son of Frank and Alice (McPartland) Trites. James was raised in a large family in Stoneham and attended St. Patrick's High School.

Following high school, James enlisted in the United States Navy on February 9, 1946 and proudly served as a fireman aboard the USS Chicago CA-29 and USS Boston CA-69 during World War II. James was honorably discharged on December 3, 1947, returning home to his family.

James married his "sweet-heart" Marion S. Cutter on July 6, 1957; the couple shared many wonderful years together before her passing in April of 2006. James and Marion moved to Wilmington in 1957 where they raised their two boys, Bill and Paul.

James went on to continue his education at the Peterson School of Steam Engineering; following graduation, he went to work as a Stationary Engineer for Atlantic Gelatin, where he worked for 49 years.

James was always doing for others and was involved in many organizations; he was a lifetime member of

the Stoneham VFW #620, the Wilmington American Legion #117 and was very active in the Tewksbury and Billerica Senior Citizens Centers.

In his spare time, James enjoyed watching the Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots and enjoyed candlepin bowling and playing cards; his favorite card game was cribbage which he played regularly with family and friends.

James was the beloved husband of the late Marion S. (Cutter) Trites, devoted father of Bill Trites & his wife Kathie of Lancaster, PA and Paul Trites & his wife Erin of Wilmington, loving "Grump" of James and Aidan Trites, cherished son of the late Frank and Alice (McPartland) Trites, dear brother of Donald Trites of Reading, Richard Trites of FL, the late Earl Trites, Albert Trites, Arlene Trites and Doris Gill. James is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, August 31st at 11:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in James' name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Exploring the Ipswich River

By CAPT. LARZ NEILSON

(From the *Wilmington Crusader*, July 2, 1952)

It all depends on the right point of view, or whose river are you looking at?

Some people say that the Ipswich River begins in Burlington, near Mill Pond and the Woburn line, and flows through Cold Spring Meadow to Jenk's Bridge.

Others say it starts in Burlington (Mill Brook) and thence under Louie's Garage, past Wentworth's Mill (long since gone) on Middlesex Avenue, then under Church Street to Jenk's.

Still others would have you believe that Lubbers Brook, which is over in the western part of town, is the start of the Ipswich.

Your reporter, for his money, believes that the Ipswich properly begins in the pool upstream from Jenk's Bridge on Woburn Street. A Jenkins family lived a little north of this pool, back in the early 1700s. The corner of town, a little downstream, is known as Jenkins' Corner.

Historically, the Ipswich River was first mentioned in a book written in 1652 in Woburn by the town clerk, Capt. Johnson. Capt. Johnson was present at the founding of each church in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and he describes the events in his book, which he called, "The Wonder Working Providence of Zion's Saviour in New England." Quite a name.

He described the founding of the church in Ipswich in 1636 and then continued to describe the town and the river.

"Ipswich is a fair town which lieth on a fair river of the same name, which riseth from a pond among the hills, some six and twenty miles

in the interior, and abruptly descends into a large and marshy swamp inhabited only by wolves and bears."

So Capt. Johnson described the river. The swamp, of course, is Wilmington, and some people might comment on the wolf and bear situation today. Anyway, that is the earliest description of our town.

Last Sunday, at the instance of the Betterment Associations, an expedition was to descend the Ipswich from Jenk's Bridge to Route 28 in North Reading. James Shine of Grove Avenue and Anthony Meads of Main Street were to be the pilots. Your reporter cut himself in as a non-paying passenger.

Walter Sturtevant of Grove Avenue, the gentleman who rents boats at Baby Beach, loaned a boat for the expedition, and it was towed to Jenk's Bridge by Minot Anderson.

At 9 a.m. on the 29th of June, the great exploring expedition was ready. Shine had discovered that he had to go to Boston, so the non-paying passenger was promoted to the bow man. The expedition took off about 9:15 on a cloudy Sunday morning.

Standing on Jenk's Bridge and looking downstream through the Hundred Acre Meadow, one can see a clump of trees, standing by themselves. These trees, we refer to as "the island," for that is, in effect, what they are.

We found a ditch on the left-hand side, going downstream, before we were as far as the Eames gravel pit. At a point between the pit and the island were rocks, slightly closer to the pit than the island. The grass in this region was very tall. When we landed on the banks, as we sometimes did, we could

hardly see over the grass. There were many ducks.

The stream was five to eight feet wide and constantly twisted and turned. We feel that we had to travel four or five or even more miles, to cover one mile. Progress was made by the stern oarsman using one oar as a combination paddle and pole, and bow oarsman using the other as a combination paddle and boat hook.

After a third of a mile (in a straight line) from the Eames gravel pit, we found an iron pipe, five inches in diameter, capped, standing upright beside a ditch and held in place by stones. We presumed this to be the marker for Jenkins' Corner, but a later inspection on a map shows that Jenkins' Corner is about 400 feet north of that spot.

Fifty feet further down there was another ditch on the other bank, and about 150 feet along there were two more ditches. They were the last ditches we saw. They were on the left (north) bank.

At 10:26, we passed the Reading Pumping Station, near which were deer tracks, and soon afterwards a red box excited our curiosity. We hauled it to the left bank and read, "Mar. 20 AWS Restricted Stock - Information Center Section, D&M Radar Division Branch, FHH, No 13759, CCISCO, Philadelphia." We had at first thought that it was a runaway Betsy Ross bread box.

At 10:40, we passed a few rocks, and at 10:45, we came to an impassable dam, apparently built by boys. It followed the line of an ancient "break through," where the river had washed away the gravel left by an ancient glacial esker. A gravel road led nearly to the river's edge,

where gravel had been dug, apparently some time ago.

As the two mariners worked to clear a way through the dam, a car drove up and we learned that the men driving came down Strout Avenue, Reading towards the pumping station, before taking this road.

The dam was left behind at 11:02, and at 11:10 the river widened and became straight for a stretch. Meads slipped the oarlocks and rowed for about 100 feet, after which we turned a corner and resumed our former method of progress. There were a few rocks and then some trees which had been thrown across the river, and had to be cleared away to allow passage.

Immediately below this was a large deep pool, with a roadway coming in from, we were told, Strout Avenue. Several people were swimming. We left them astern at 11:32. By 11:35, we were involved with more logs and rocks, and this time it was complicated by the fact that we had taken in tow a 6x6 timber, 12 to 14 feet long, which we had found and christened "Jim," for Jim Shine.

The rocks held us up for a few seconds. By 11:40, we were in a narrow section, and began to hear the noise of a motor. At 11:50, we passed a pipe, coming down from a farm, leading to an irrigation pump, we thought. Electric light poles could be seen. This was on the left bank. By 11:52, we were again passing rocks, and at 12:06, the meadow ended, and we entered a forest, mostly deciduous trees. There were several black oak on the bank, several feet above the water, and a lot of swamp maple, with much brush and some grape vines.

We thought the going was pretty tough. At one point, we had to clear an oak, which had been cut down across the river, and the brush was so close together as to stop the boat. In fact, an agile mouse or squirrel could have easily crossed the river without getting its feet wet.

It was while we were going through these woods that we saw the largest rock so far, estimated to weigh at least 700 pounds, maybe more. It was in the center of the river. There were other rocks which were not always visible in the shade of the trees, and occasionally we would have to stop and get out, after running on one.

About 12:24 we emerged from the trees with a sigh of relief and skirted a meadow on our right hand. Occasionally we saw mussel shells and at one point, we picked up a live mussel. Crawfish shells were seen, too.

A few minutes of skirting the meadow brought us into a region of thick brush joining the brush on the opposite bank, through which the river twisted and turned. This was certainly the toughest part of the trip. There was no perceptible current, with one exception, for the last half mile. It was impossible to paddle, and the shrubs were of no help to pull the boat. Progress could be made only by poling, and pole we did, for perhaps a half mile, to finally emerge at Mill Bridge, on Mill Road, Reading, where Minot Anderson was waiting.

The water here dropped, going under the bridge and shortly afterward, perhaps six to ten inches, over a series of rocks. We had to clear a way for the boat, and at 12:55, we found ourselves in the millpond, heading

downstream.

The last third of a mile was through alternating rocks and sand. We walked, paddled and rowed. About 100 feet upstream from Route 28, we came across a ledge, the only one we saw during the whole trip.

At Route 28, we hoisted the boat out of the water and back onto the trailer and towed it back to Walter Sturtevant's. The timber which we had christened "Jim," we took with us and left it in Jim Shine's yard.

We left it there for several reasons. In the first place, we thought Jim might find a use for it, and in the second place, he wasn't there to defend himself, which was a good reason for anybody.

Epilogue

By LARZ F. NEILSON

For many years, Jim Shine would reminisce about the log that my father had left in his yard, after the Ipswich River trip. He always laughed about it, and said that he had used the timber to support the front porch, which he had been building at the time.

Whenever I mentioned this to my father, however, he would say he couldn't remember any such incident.

But the story was found in the pages of the old *Wilmington Crusader*, of which my father was editor before he started the *Town Crier*. Indexing the material, I found the above story — and the timber that Jim Shine had been talking about all those years.

The last I heard of that timber was when Jim's son Mike, who now owns the house, tore down the porch. He had to tell me that the timber had still been there, nearly 40 years later.



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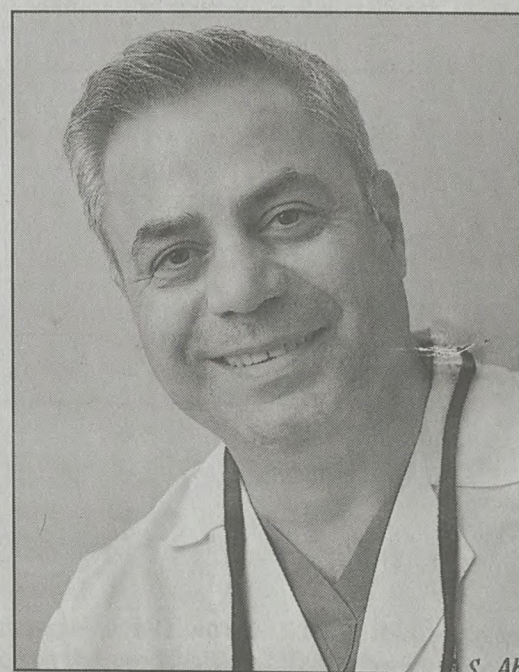
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Tewksbury Police Log

Passengers flee from paying fare from a cab

Monday, August 22
3:02 pm - A sick animal was found at DPW. The police sent and filed report. Four rounds were used on the dying animal.

Tuesday, August 23
1:30 am - A 911 came from the Fairfield Inn, but the caller hung up before the police could answer. The call was due to the phone line issue in the pool room.
5:52 am - A 911 caller at Main Street stated that his father may be having a heart attack. The ambulance transported to Saints Hospital.
6:53 am - A caller was out for a walk when he noticed damage to many of his neighbors' mailboxes at Worthen Place. Police sent and filed a report.

Wednesday, August 24
12:53 am - A cab driver at Stadium Plaza reported that his last passengers did not pay their fare and ran into the woods. Police spoke with the cab driver who stated the parties were two younger black males, one with a camo shirt and the other in a white hoodie. Police filed a report.
6:51 am - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Main Street and Route 495 south. Glenn Worthing, 55 of 15 Veterans Way in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended.
9:21 am - There was a suspicious male walking down Hill Street Extension. The male spoke Spanish and that he was lost. Xavier Antonio Mejia, 21 of Roxbury, was ar-

rested and charged with courtesy booking for Wilmington.
12:42 pm - There was a suspicious motor vehicle on the property for approximately ten minutes with two males sitting in the car at National Grid. The caller had no idea what they were up to. The car fled the area and they were gone on arrival. The caller requested it to be logged.
Thursday, August 25
7:35 am - An injured seagull was at Burger King. The bird was off to the side in the parking lot. The police left a note for animal control.
4:05 pm - A snake in the lobby was reported at Ames Hill. The snake was gone on arrival once the police arrived.
6:56 pm - A female's baby dry formula was sent to her home on Meredith Road.

However, female stated it was missing and cannot get it replaced from the company without a report. The police spoke with the female and filed a report.

Friday, August 26
2:19 am - A caller from Apache Way car was egged and damaged. The incident took place earlier in the night on North Street. The police filed a report.
3:21 am - Police stopped a motor vehicle for marked lanes violation at Livingston Street, but a verbal warning was given.
6:55 am - A caller's wife had broken down around Keri Plaza. The vehicle was moved out of the road and it was no longer a hazard. The party called Triple-A.

Saturday, August 27
12:12 am - A noise complaint occurred at Motel 6. Those parties have been spoken to be the police.
2:17 am - A dark colored sedan had been sitting outside the caller's house for approximately an hour at Merrimack Meadows. The car took off, unknown direction. The passenger lived at #30 Merrimack Meadows and they were talking now. Everything checks out.
7:29 am - Caroline Cowart, 30 of 64 Butterfield Street in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class B drugs and a warrant for conspiracy to violate drug law.
8:28 am - A possible OUI came down North Street. The vehicle in question was heading north bound on Route 38. It was put out to the police. The car was gone on arrival.

Sunday, August 28
11:16 am - A male walked into the station to turn himself in. Daniel Adorno, 22 of 10 Grafton Street in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with the warrant for shoplifting.
5:39 pm - Loud motorcycles racing at Martel Welding and Sons. They were gone on arrival once the police arrived.
8:47 pm - A female walked to the store being followed by a silver bronco looking at trucks, yelling at the woman at Marshall Street and Main Street. The police transported the female home.
10:08 pm - An intoxicated male drove northbound on Main Street in a brown van with a handicap place card. He could not be found.
10:27 pm - A door was open at Murray Brothers Construction. The owner was having issues with the door.



Wilmington Police Log

Racial slurs on the playground, stolen car standoff, trapped raccoons

Monday, August 22:
3:43 p.m.: A Clark Street resident came into the police station to report that her neighbor had jumped her fence and picked up her dog despite the fact that the resident wanted him to stay off of her property. The resident posted "No Trespass" signs and was given trespass notice paperwork.
6:11 p.m.: A passerby on Fay Street saw a relatively new red Camaro kill a cat in the street and believed it may have been done intentionally. The passerby had seen a similar vehicle parked on Lee Street before. The operator of the Camaro was described as a middle aged female with short blonde hair. The deceased cat remained in the street at that time.

Tuesday, August 23:
9:48 a.m.: A manager at Market Basket reported a shoplifter to police, describing her as a tall, heavy-set white female wearing a flowered shirt and jeans. The shoplifter exited the store with groceries and left in a silver minivan with a

Massachusetts license plate with the number 3YD586.
2:41 p.m.: Several racial slurs were found written on skate park equipment at the Shawsheen School. Police went to Seneca Lane to speak to a juvenile's parent.
4:55 p.m.: A vehicle stolen out of Boston around 9 a.m. was reported on Main Street, then Shawsheen Avenue, then New Hampshire Road before it rammed a Wilmington police cruiser and drove off. Billerica and Tewksbury Police were notified at this point. The man fled near Flagstaff on foot as Billerica and Tewksbury sent police units and a K9 unit. Wilmington also called in a K9 unit at this time. Billerica deployed its K9 units on Cabot Road before there were sightings on Florida Road, where a house's front door was kicked in, as well as South Street, Birch, Hoover, and finally 2451 Main St. Here, the suspect fled into the woods and the stolen vehicle was received via a tow company. The vehicle was turned off from the outside to preserve evidence using a lockout kit through an open window.

More sightings came in from the woods near Chuckie's Way, 10 Main St., where a resident heard branches snap in their yard, and finally 418 South St. in Tewksbury, where a resident called reporting movement in the boat in his yard.

Wednesday, August 24:
12:29 a.m.: Eric Gordon, 28, of 5 Castle Dr. in Methuen was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, operating a motor vehicle with his license revoked as a habitual traffic offender, and failure to stop.
11:07 a.m.: A caller reported that approximately 45 minutes before her call, her pug had been hit by a car and she immediately drove it to the vet without getting the operator's information or the license plate of the car. However, when she returned, there was a license plate in the roadway. Animal Control Officers were notified and returned with the license plate.
6:43 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Aldrich Road involving a Mitsubishi

Galant and a Subaru Forester. No one was injured in the collision.

Thursday, August 25:
12:11 p.m.: Two TT units, one from Midland and one from Pazik Entr Inc. had an incident on Industrial Way in which the Midland truck was struck while parked at a loading dock. The Midland TT unit sustained damage to the area of the lower driver's side door from the other truck's mudflap. After the incident, one of the drivers requested an officer while the other claimed that no accident had occurred.
6:34 p.m.: A motor vehicle stop on Lowell Street resulted in a failed inspection sticker and the confiscation of a small amount of marijuana.

Friday, August 26:
2:08 a.m.: A GMC Envoy refused to stop for police, leading to a chase from Shawsheen Ave. down to Main Street and into the Rite Aid parking lot. The Envoy drove around the parking lot, almost hit a police cruiser heading toward Ristuccia

Arena, and went into the Sonic parking lot. It then took a left onto Main Street, driving across lines and through red lights, and went 60 miles per hour past Koch Membrane, finally stopping at Main Street and Joseph Terrace in Woburn. It is suspected that the Envoy struck a vehicle and a trailer on Joseph Terrace, not to mention that two police cruisers sustained damage during the chase. Police then finally arrested Brian Caputo, 41, of 81 Arnold Ave. in Lowell for his fourth offense for operating under the influence of liquor, using a vehicle without authority, failure to stop for police, speeding, red light violations, marked lanes violations, operating a motor vehicle with his license revoked as a habitual traffic offender, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, two counts of assault and battery, breaking and entering into a building at night for a felony, malicious destruction of property valued over \$250, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and resisting arrest.
4:27 p.m.: A secretary wor-

king on Andover Street reported two raccoons trapped in a dumpster. Both were freed with no trouble.
6:46 p.m.: A Fay Street resident reported to police that their neighbors were throwing trash onto nearby town land, including a basketball hoop that had just been disposed of. Police advised them and returned the basketball hoop.
7:34 p.m.: Two hypodermic needles were found on Shawsheen Avenue by a resident and retrieved by police for proper disposal.
9:27 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Woburn Street involving a Cadillac DeVille and a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Police transported the motorcyclist after the accident and issued a citation to the operator of the Cadillac.

Saturday, August 27:
1:31 a.m.: The door of a vacant building on West Street was breeched. No one was found inside when police checked the building; police followed up with the contractor the following Monday.
9:53 a.m.: Drug paraphernalia, including a digital scale and some marijuana, were found in a grassy area on Williams Avenue. Police retrieved the items.
1:49 p.m.: Police spotted an automated sprinkler system running at Wilmington Station on Burlington Avenue in violation of the water ban. The incident was faxed to the Water Department.
2:21 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Corolla and a Hyundai Elantra occurred by Panera on Main Street. No one was injured in the collision.
4:47 p.m.: Dustin Cole, 30, of 4 Rollins Rd. was arrested in a parking lot by Citizen Bank on Main Street serving two warrants for two counts of assault and battery on a family member and one count of larceny under \$250.
5:17 p.m.: An Acura MDX struck an unaccompanied Chevrolet Traverse in the parking lot by the Salvation Army location on Main Street. The incident was minor and only resulted in a paperwork exchange.

Sunday, August 28:
12:56 a.m.: Police were unable to get close enough to catch a loose dog barking in a parking lot on Evergreen Dr. The dog was a chocolate lab weighing about 60 pounds and was acting aggressively. The dog eventually left the area. The party who reported the dog followed up with Animal Control the following Monday.
3:09 p.m.: The door to the snack shack at Town Hall was damaged.
8:51 p.m.: Police received a call about a number of teenagers running around Cypress Street screaming using obscenities. Police addressed the situation and told the parents to keep the teens inside and to turn down their music.



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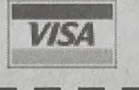
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TEN QUESTIONS with Tewksbury Superintendent Christopher Malone

By ALICIA WINOKUR
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This interview has been edited and condensed for clarity.

Town Crier: What is your first agenda item as Superintendent?

Christopher Malone: Primarily, I'm really trying to look at developing an entry plan. One that involves trying to uncover what the community and the school district thinks the needs of the district are, and seeing from their perspective what we do well, what we can do better, what our long-range plan is.

That general piece gets guided by a very specific entry plan that I'll develop for the school committee and is part of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents induction program. I'll work directly with them to develop a written plan and look at really integrating key stakeholders in the community and district's thoughts and push what kind of goals I want to establish. I'm hoping that process will help me really develop goals that will have an impact on Tewksbury as opposed to me coming in, new, with limited experience in Tewksbury and saying, "I'm going to do these two things."

It really is a process of developing how you get a voice, what data do you look at, what experience do you have to tell you what are the couple of big things you're going to try to go after. I'm just in that process right now. I hope to have some more specific goals set as we get into December and January and work with the school committee on that and align with the Superintendent evaluation process and have those identified.

TC: Would you say your first agenda item is to make an agenda?

CM: Exactly. Coming in new and not coming from within the district, I've got to establish those relationships. I've got to understand that history.

I've got to hear from people that if you were here for a while, you would automatically go to. I've got to crunch all of that into a short amount of time so that I can make some good decisions about what the specific goals would look like.

Going through that process, the goals will be very evident. It's more the hard work of going through the process so that you feel confident that those goals align with where the district should be going.

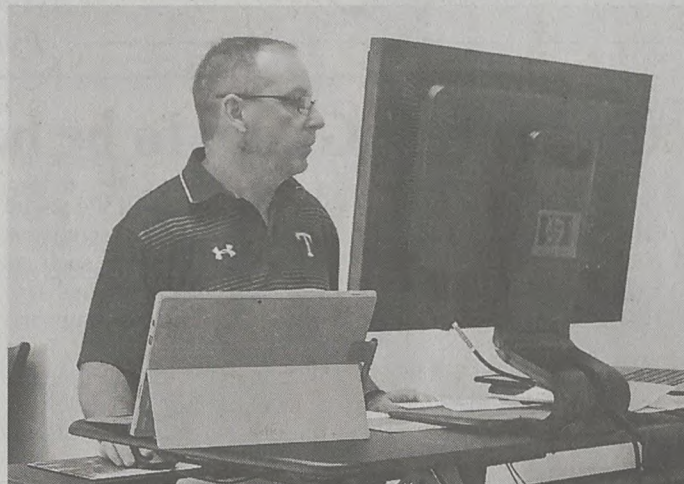
TC: What is one thing that really attracted you to Tewksbury that their schools were doing which not a lot of other schools were doing?

CM: There's a couple of really big things. One is instituting a Kindergarten program to start this year out. There was a lot of work done by my predecessor John O'Connor, the school committee, working with the Selectmen and Town Manager to really make that happen. That's a big leap for a district and a town like Tewksbury. That's a great leap, and we want to make sure it's successful. We want to make sure it works, and we're right in the middle of fine tuning things around classrooms. We've pretty much finished hiring and making sure that it's going to be a successful program to start off with.

A second big one is the town's recent acceptance into the Massachusetts Building Authority program to build a new school. This is something I've had a lot of practice with in Revere — we built five schools in ten years. It's a very elaborate process, but if you do it well, regardless of where it ends, it tells you a lot about your district. It requires you to analyze a lot of data, it requires you to encompass a lot of people throughout the community. We're just starting that right now, but that attracted me quite a bit to Tewksbury.

Both of those are signs of a district that's moving forward. That's something I really want to be a part of.

TC: You mentioned you want



▲ Superintendent Christopher Malone in his new office. He uses a standing desk to alleviate back pain. "I haven't sat down in six years!" Malone jokes.

(Photo by Alicia Winokur)

to hear feedback from people in the town and in the schools. Do you have a specific way that you're planning to go about that?

CM: As you meet one person, it gets on your radar, "Maybe I should meet with these two others." It's that opportunity to meet with key stakeholders in the town that I plan to interact with out of necessity within this job, but when we come to issues that may be a challenge for us to handle, we have a relationship. We know who we are and we're set with that.

Once school starts, I hope to possibly be doing some surveying, some focus groups at the school level to get more direct feedback that will involve more specific staff members, teachers, parents, students, maybe community members. It would allow feedback to come in so I can create data that will push what kind of goals to set.

TC: Do you think your experience as a "gang mediator" will come in handy with this job?

CM: [Laughing] I think so! A big part of this job is navigating relationships and working with people who are, at times, in difficult positions and situations and need assistance and support. Rather than someone who sits behind a desk and just says "Yes" or "No," I'd like to really problem

shoot issues, be creative about solutions and get to know people in those situations where you're basing a lot of your decision making on relationships and being human about that.

I think those skills were definitely developed when I was meditating with gangs and looking at those pieces. Anybody can take an authoritative position like Superintendent and say, "Oh, you need a decision made? This one's yes, that one's no."

It's really diving into those [decisions]. I've found that every decision that's hard that I've had to make, the more effort I put into developing approaches, looking at information, having a balanced approach, looking at consistency — every time I do that, I learn something new.

TC: Do you have any concerns about the town or the schools that you would like to see addressed?

CM: I haven't developed any list of concerns or issues of that nature. There's such a strong bond in this town and such a community feel and such a feeling of a town that's really supportive of its young people. I'm not certain where that could really be bad in any way.

It certainly is going to create situations where there's significant involvement of parents and their opinions,

and I think that's great. It's hard to navigate and it can be uncomfortable at times, but I think it's great people have a voice. Those things create a fabric in Tewksbury.

In urban environments you don't get that level of parent involvement or that level of support from the community. You may not get the negative part of that, but you don't get the positive. In a place like Tewksbury, that involvement is what makes a community like this run. Even in times where that could be challenging, it's overall a very positive thing.

TC: What are you most looking forward to in your role as Superintendent?

CM: It's really being part of this community and really seeing how the school district can be progressive, achieve its goals, and work hand-in-hand with the town. I want the schools to be the pride and joy of the community. That's important to me, and likely, [the schools] already are. In such a tight community like this, the schools have to produce at a level that's going to be reflective of that support.

There's a lot of indications that it's already working well, so it's going to be seeing where those pieces are that my skillset might be able to come in and help move it along further.

TC: What is one thing people should know about you as an educator?

CM: In this time that we're in now in education where we have a lot of state mandates, we have financial woes statewide, we have accountability measures that we're all dealing with — I think there's a way to manage those and still be human.

We can look at it through a lens, what's going to be in the best interest of our kids before we do anything, and how do we do it? How do we make sure that teachers can teach and kids can learn?

If that's not on the forefront, then chasing the next mandate or MCAS 2.0 scores around isn't going to get us

anywhere.

I think it's trying to balance those out, and that's going to be a key role for me. How do we make sure we're compliant with mandates as they come down? How do we take these mandates, and how do we make them work well for Tewksbury? Not only to meet the needs, but how do we turn it into a positive for Tewksbury and do it in a way where we're not forgetting about teachers and kids in the classroom?

TC: What's one thing people should know about you as a person?

CM: I just have a lot in common with everybody else that's really out there trying to make sure their child has a good education, and every teacher that's trying to balance the struggles of mandates and their work environment. I don't have any magic answers, I'm just somebody who is at that level with them.

I feel like the best way to approach any situation is through collaboration, everybody working together. There are certainly decisions that will have to come out of this office that will have to be followed. Sometimes people may not like it, but the way to do business is to incorporate people and understand that piece and have that human side to what's going on in the district.

This job can get tough at times with the amount of mandates you have to react to. That's what I get paid to handle, but there's another piece there: wanting to make sure that I'm modeling the heart and soul of the district and what the district's about. I think that's important to me.

TC: A little over a month into the job, how are you feeling?

CM: I just can't say enough how great everybody in the town and district has been. I'm so happy that I've made this decision, and I feel this is a great career projection for me. This is really a good fit and a place I want to be at for a long time.

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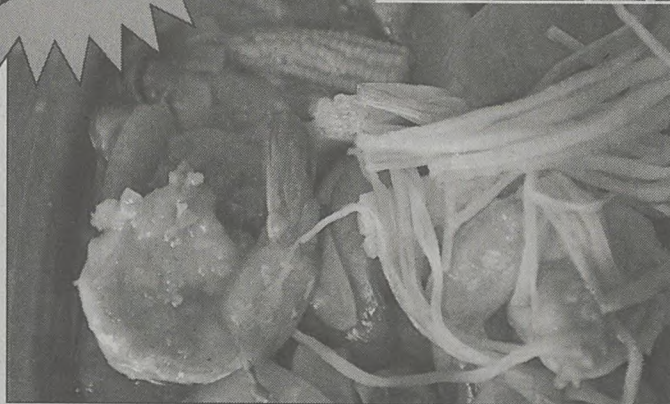
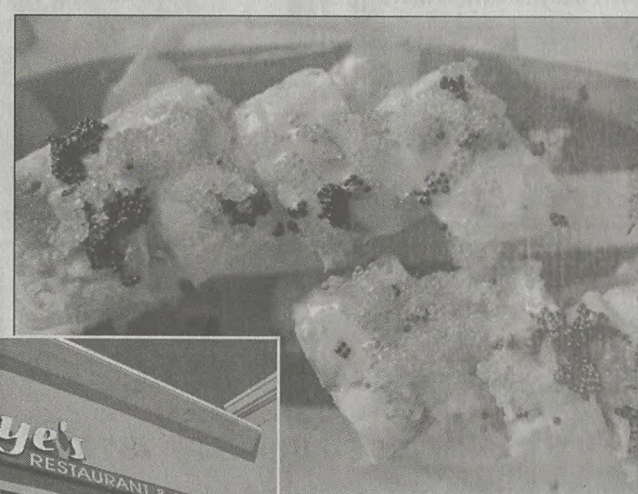
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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Cookin' the Books and Writing Group to be held this month

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen).

Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding support for library programs!

Cookin' the Books *RR
Tuesday, September 6
at 12 p.m.

Featured Cookbook: "Mexican Everyday" by Rick Bayless.

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this book group is for you.

Please stop by the library to pick up a copy (or find a recipe from the book online), select a recipe, and then email your recipe selection to book club leader Lisa Crispin (lcrispin@mvlc.org). Bring your dish to the meeting, enjoy sampling everyone's dishes, and enjoy the company. Come hungry!

Hands-on with Microsoft Word *RR
Wednesday, September 7
at 7 p.m.

Join Technology Librarian, Brad McKenna, for a hands-on exercise with Microsoft

Word. In this class you'll learn how to change font styles, create lists, insert pictures, and more. A handout for additional practice will be provided.

Energy Savings presented by RMLD *RR
Thursday, September 8
at 7 p.m.

Learn how to reduce your energy bills before the cooler temperatures set in. A representative from The Reading Municipal Light Department will talk about ways to conserve energy and save money on electric bills, types of billing options, RMLD's mobile app, audits, and more.

Writing Group *RR
Saturday, September 10
from 9:15-11:15 a.m.
(second Saturday)

Group will meet the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. starting in October.

If you love to write and seek feedback, then join our writing group. Please bring up to five pages of written work to the meeting. Open to all genres and levels. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Pastel Painting Workshop:

Stunning Still Lives with Greg Maichack (limit 30)
Saturday, September 10
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Register at main desk
(cost \$5)

This hands-on art workshop for adults is designed for beginners to experienced artists. Participants will experiment with the artist's professional grade pastels, pastel pencils, and pastel paper and will pro-

duce their own still life pastel paintings applying techniques applied by masters such as van Gogh, O'Keeffe, and Monet. This workshop is supported in part by a grant from Wilmington Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Great Decisions Series
(limit 28, cost \$25 for

briefing book)

Mondays September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 17, 24, 7 p.m.

Register at the Main Desk

This six-session Great Decisions program will focus on some of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans: Middle East Alliances, The Rise of ISIS, The Future of Kurdistan, Migration, The United Nations, and Climate

WCTV's Book Stew will feature the next "Gone With The Wind"?

In the September episode of Book Stew, Host/Producer Eileen MacDougall interviews world traveler and author Maya Alexandri. Maya has ridden horseback across Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, accompanied only by a guide. She has lived in China, where she learned Mandarin



▲ From left, guest Maya Alexandri and host Eileen MacDougall on the September Book Stew on WCTV. (Courtesy photo by Don Leard)

Chinese, and Kenya, where she has petted a leopard.

When Maya was asked by her agent to write "the next Gone With The Wind", she changed the setting and the timeframe and became immersed in the writings of Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen), the heroine of "Out of Africa".

To see how it all turned out, check out the new episode on WCTV on Mondays at 5 p.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 7 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Saturdays at 2 p.m.. To watch online, a link to the September program can be found at www.wctv.org/Book-Stew.

Change. Participants will use a briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association and will be led in discussion by facilitator, Keith West.

Kids & Teens

Drop-In Storytime
Friday, September 9
at 10 a.m.

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Ages 2-5 and one or more adults.

Little Movers *RR
Monday, September 12
at 10 a.m.

Let's move! Join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and moving around! Ages 1-2.

Art Adventures:

Eric Carle *RR
Tuesday, September 13
at 3:45 p.m.

Create your own masterpiece in the style of three celebrated artists and illustrators. We'll explore different forms of media and techniques to make one of a kind artwork for you to take home. Grades 1-5.

Crafternoons:

Pineapple Night Lights *RR
Thursday, September 15
at 3:45 p.m.

Create a pineapple night light with mason jars, electric tea lights and tissue paper. Grades 4-8.

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Rotary Club's Ice Bucket Challenge fun, wet and successful

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
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WILMINGTON — Wilmington locals once again flocked to Rotary Park to take part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The Wilmington Rotary Club spearheaded the event, gleefully soaking residents in freezing water in the name of a great cause.

The Ice Bucket Challenge was introduced in 2014 and quickly went viral, with dozens of celebrities uploading videos and Vines showcasing them dumping frigid ice water onto themselves.

The videos led to a massive surge in donations to ALS research. In fact, this past July, the UMass Medical School (UMMS) announced a major breakthrough in their studies, thanks in part to funding from the Ice Bucket Challenge.

While the viral fever of the videos has gone down, the Ice Bucket Challenge continues to be used to generate awareness and donations for ALS research.

Wilmington Rotary works in conjunction with local charity group, The Angel Fund, to make sure that their own drive is used as effectively as possible.

Rich Kennedy is the president and co-founder of the Angel Fund. Kennedy lost his father to ALS in 1989, and

his brother fell to the same disease a few years later.

In March of this past year, Kennedy was himself diagnosed with ALS. But thanks to the work of people like Dr. Robert Brown of UMMS, Kennedy faces his diagnosis with a hope that previous generations of sufferers never had.

"I have true optimism that we are on the right track and that it might just have my life," Kennedy said. "And if not, I'm in this game for my kids and it might just save their lives."

Kennedy, like many, was baffled by just how popular the Ice Bucket Challenge proved to be. But whatever sparked the intense communal interest, Kennedy is deeply grateful for what interest in the Challenge has done for the cause.

"Why it caught on is a great question," he said. "It is a unique activity that is captured on film and fires people's imaginations. They come up with creative ways to do it, and some people didn't even know why they were doing it and it just kind of caught on and went international."

The Angel Fund is dedicated to continuing to raise money for Dr. Brown's research, with Kennedy expecting that the Fund will generate a million dollars this year alone.

Kennedy learned the hard way to distrust large nation-

al organizations, where any money raised would have to be divvied up for operating costs of various branches, advertisement, salaries for the organizers, and other ancillary costs.

The Angel Fund is defiantly, proudly, a local organization with a Board that does not take salaries. Kennedy stated that in a good year, 97 percent of money raised will go directly to ALS research and support.

In a bad year, that number goes down to 93 percent donated directly.

It is through local events like Wilmington's own Ice Bucket Challenge that organizations like the Angel Fund can support research like Dr. Brown's, research with the potential to end the suffering of thousands of people.

"The Wilmington Rotary is a very smart organization," Kennedy said. "They like to work through a grassroots organization that does what they say they're going to. I've had a tremendous relationship with Harry Cunningham, who introduced me to Mike Burns."

The Ice Bucket Challenge may have ended for this year, but Kennedy insists that the work will continue. Which means that Wilmington residents may want to mark their calendars for next year.

"Our motto is 'Every August until we find a cure,'" he said.



▲ Mike Champoux, Rob Peterson, Jeff Hull, Steve Bjork and John Doherty took the ice bucket challenge with their fellow Wilmington Rotary Club members on Saturday at Rotary Park.



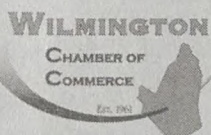
▲ Team Lydon: The Lydon Family from left, Sean, Joe, Timmy, Alice Liam and Molly took the ice bucket challenge in memory of Alice's late husband, Paul Lydon to help raise money to fund A.L.S. research.

(All photos by Maureen Brady)

▲ Members of the Wilmington Masons, Drew Cochran, Dan Madore, John Wallace and Mario Marchese participated in the ice bucket challenge in Wilmington on Saturday.



▲ The Wilmington Rotary Club sponsored an ice bucket challenge event at Rotary Park on Saturday. Colin Allard and Jake Cronin took the challenge to help raise funds for A.L.S. research.



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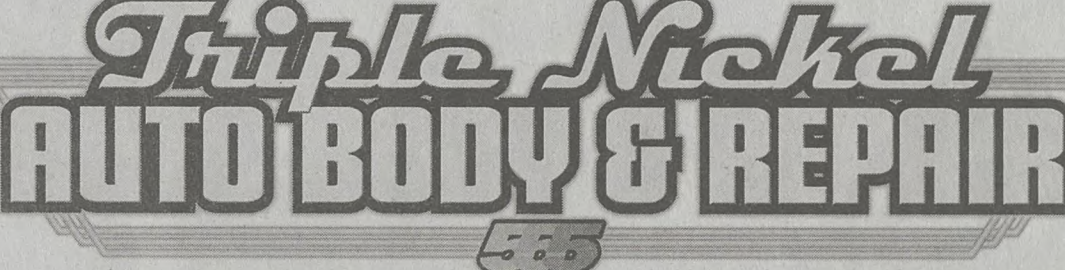
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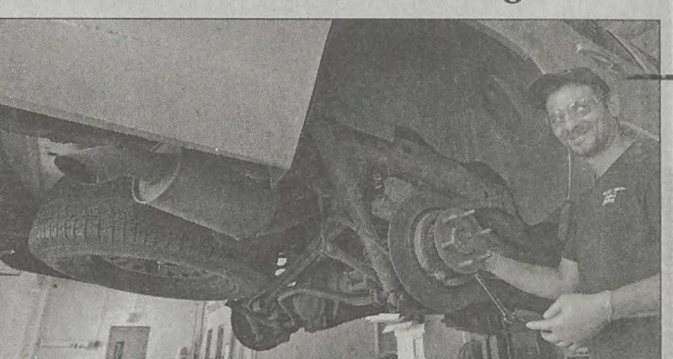
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Golf Challenge Tournament raises \$439,000 for Lowell General's new Intensive Care Unit

BOLTON — Under a beautiful blue sky at The International golf resort in Bolton on Monday, Aug. 22, a sold-out group of 252 golfers enjoyed a day of fun, food and prizes, and raised more than \$439,000 for Lowell General Hospital's new Intensive Care Unit along the way.

New to the event this year was the Helicopter Ball drop, a 50/50 raffle with a dramatic twist. Each entry bought a golf ball, which was delivered via a swooping helicopter that dropped the entries onto a golf hole. Lowell General Hospital medical secretary Gail Williams was the lucky owner of the golf ball that dropped closest to the pin, landing her \$4,500 in winnings.

The donations from golfers and sponsors will support the expansion of Lowell General Hospital's Intensive Care Unit on its main campus, which is scheduled to open next year. The project will renovate former emergency room space in the hospital's

Hanchett Building into an expanded ICU unit with 11 beds, providing improved access and the latest technology for patients who need it most.

The golfers were treated to breakfast before heading out on The International's impeccable Pines and Oaks courses, where they were served an on-course barbecue lunch. Golf was followed by cocktail hour and a surf and turf dinner with lobster, as well as a live auction and prizes.

"This tournament has grown to become one of our biggest and most successful fundraisers, and thanks to the incredible support of this community, our hospital is improving our ability to serve our sickest patients," said Lowell General Hospital President Jody White. "Thank you to all of those who came out and to our sponsors, especially our lead Tournament Sponsors, Enterprise Bank, PrideStar EMS and Cerner. Without them, this wouldn't be possible."

Massachusetts students' ACT scores top in nation

MALDEN — Massachusetts high school students in the graduating class of 2016 had the highest average composite score in the nation on the ACT test, an annual predicative measure of college and career readiness for many high school graduates, according to results released today.

According to this year's ACT results, Massachusetts 2016 public and private high school graduates who chose to take the ACT had an average composite score of 24.8 out of a possible 36, up from last year (24.4). The national average was 20.8, which fell slightly from last year's 21.0. In addition, 53 percent of Massachusetts graduates met all four ACT college readiness benchmarks, up from 51 percent last year and above the national average of 26 percent.

"We are proud to see that once again, Massachusetts students had the highest ACT scores in the nation," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I congratulate those students, their teachers and their families on their hard

work."

"I am pleased to see the Commonwealth's nation-leading results continue to improve, especially the growing percentage of students who met all four of ACT's college readiness benchmarks," said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester.

While the majority of Massachusetts' graduating seniors have historically taken the SAT, a growing number are taking the ACT. Students can choose to take both tests, either test or neither. Statewide, approximately 20,300 public and private school students, or an estimated 28 percent of the 2016 graduating class, took the ACT during high school. Between 2012 and 2016, the number of ACT-taking graduates in Massachusetts' has grown by 32 percent.

In addition to the state's strong performance in the aggregate, all of the state's largest racial and ethnic groups saw higher percentages meet all four ACT col-

lege readiness benchmarks compared to last year. The portion of Massachusetts students in the 2016 graduating class who met all four benchmarks was 60 percent for Asian students (compared to 58 percent in 2015), 55 percent for white students (53 percent in 2015), 31 percent for Hispanic/Latino (30 percent in 2015) and 21 percent for black/African American students (17 percent in 2015). The ACT college readiness benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject area tests (English, Reading, Mathematics and Science) that represent the level of achievement for students to have a 50 percent chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75 percent chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing college courses.

Other ACT results for Massachusetts students included:

- Among states where less than a third of graduates participated in the ACT, Massachusetts was followed by New Hampshire (24.5),

New York (23.9) and Delaware and Maine (both 23.6).

- On the four subject-area tests, Massachusetts had the highest percentage of 2016 graduates meeting the reading (71 percent) and math (74 percent) benchmarks and tied with Connecticut and New Hampshire for the highest percentage in science (61 percent). With respect to the English benchmark, both Massachusetts and Connecticut saw 85 percent of their students meet the benchmark, which was second to New Hampshire (86 percent).

Graduates of Massachusetts public high schools performed similarly to the combined results for Massachusetts public and private schools. Massachusetts 2016 public school graduates had an average composite score of 24.6, which was up from last year's 24.1. In 2016, 52 percent of graduates of Massachusetts public high schools who were tested met all four ACT college readiness benchmark scores.

Wilmington Senior Services Meals on Wheels menu

General Information

- Suggested donation: \$2
- Meals subject to change without notice

September 1

- Pot roast with gravy
- Whole wheat bread
- Red bliss potatoes
- Carrots
- Pears
- Muffin

September 2

- Baked fish
- Oatmeal bread
- Rice pilaf
- Spinach
- Oranges
- Muffin

September 5

- Barbeque rib patty with sauce
- Oatmeal bread
- Potatoes au gratin
- Carrots
- Pineapple

September 6

- Herb roasted chicken
- Whole wheat bread
- Baked potato
- Sweet green peas
- Mixed fruit

September 7

- American Chop Suey
- Multigrain bread
- Green beans
- Orange wedges
- Pudding

Figucia and fellow grads receive commendation from N.H. Governor Hassan

NEW LONDON, NH — For their professional success, future contributions to the health care of New Hampshire's citizens, and commitment to the health and well-being of their fellow citizens, New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan recognized Colby-Sawyer College's exceptional 2016 undergraduate nursing class, including Courtney Figucia of Wilmington, with a commendation at the Governor and Executive Council meeting held on campus Wednesday, August 24.

The commendation was presented to Associate Professor and Chair of Colby-Sawyer's undergraduate nursing program, Joan G. Loftus, DNP, RN, who was joined by recent graduates Amanda Chasse, Rebecca Hashem and Grace Lavoie. It notes nurses' critical role in the health and well-being of New Hampshire's families, communities and economy; the national workforce shortage in all areas of health care, and Colby-Sawyer's part in addressing this challenge.

One hundred percent of Colby-Sawyer's 2016 undergraduate nursing class passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), administered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), on their first attempt (by comparison, the 2015 national pass average was 86.77

percent). Of the 33 graduates, 27 are now employed as Registered Nurses in New Hampshire; 25 of them are at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC).

At the earlier breakfast meeting, Dr. Susan Reeves '88, dean of the Colby-Sawyer College School of Nursing and Health Professions and Gladys A. Burrows Distinguished Professor of Nursing addressed the governor and council about the state's nursing shortage. Dean Reeves, appointed this spring by Gov. Hassan to the Commission on Health Care and Community Support Workforce, noted that New Hampshire has the second highest oldest population; many in the nursing field are nearing retirement age; there is a shortage of nursing faculty; the demands and stressors of nursing drive people out of the profession, and there is a high turnover and vacancy rate in the state.

"We have to do something about making sure we have adequate programs for nursing students," said Dean Reeves. "Faculty shortage is driving a lot of our challenges; we have a high quantity of quality nursing programs in this state, both at the associate degree and baccalaureate levels, and certainly numerous graduate programs, but the interest in our programs exceeds our ability to make spaces available for the students."

New law protects pets left in cars

BOSTON — Today, Senator Bruce Tarr (R - Gloucester) joined Governor Charlie Baker, Senator Mark Montigny (D - New Bedford), Representative Lori Ehrlich (D - Marblehead), and other supporters of Senate Bill 2369, An Act Preventing Animal Suffering and Death at an outdoor State House bill signing ceremony.

Following the signing, Tarr, a consistent champion of animal welfare legislation on Beacon Hill and a co-sponsor of the legislation, said "The signing of this bill sends a clear message that action can and should be taken to protect animals at risk from exposure to extreme temperatures. Too many times in the past, people have been left wondering what to do as an animal suffers in a locked car. Now there's a definitive answer backed by the protections of this law."

Major provisions of the new law include measures that:

- Restrict dog tethering or leaving a dog outdoors in extreme weather or when a weather advisory, warning or watch is issued,
- Allow citizens and officers to free animals confined in a locked car after making reasonable efforts to locate the vehicle's owner,
- Set penalties, up to \$500, and possible criminal animal cruelty charges for owners who neglect animals in vehicles,
- Provide immunity from criminal or civil liability for those who take actions to release a trapped animal.

Tarr added that "In the past several years the legislature has taken major steps to strengthen our animal welfare laws. We still have work to do, but there should be no doubt about our commitment to doing it."

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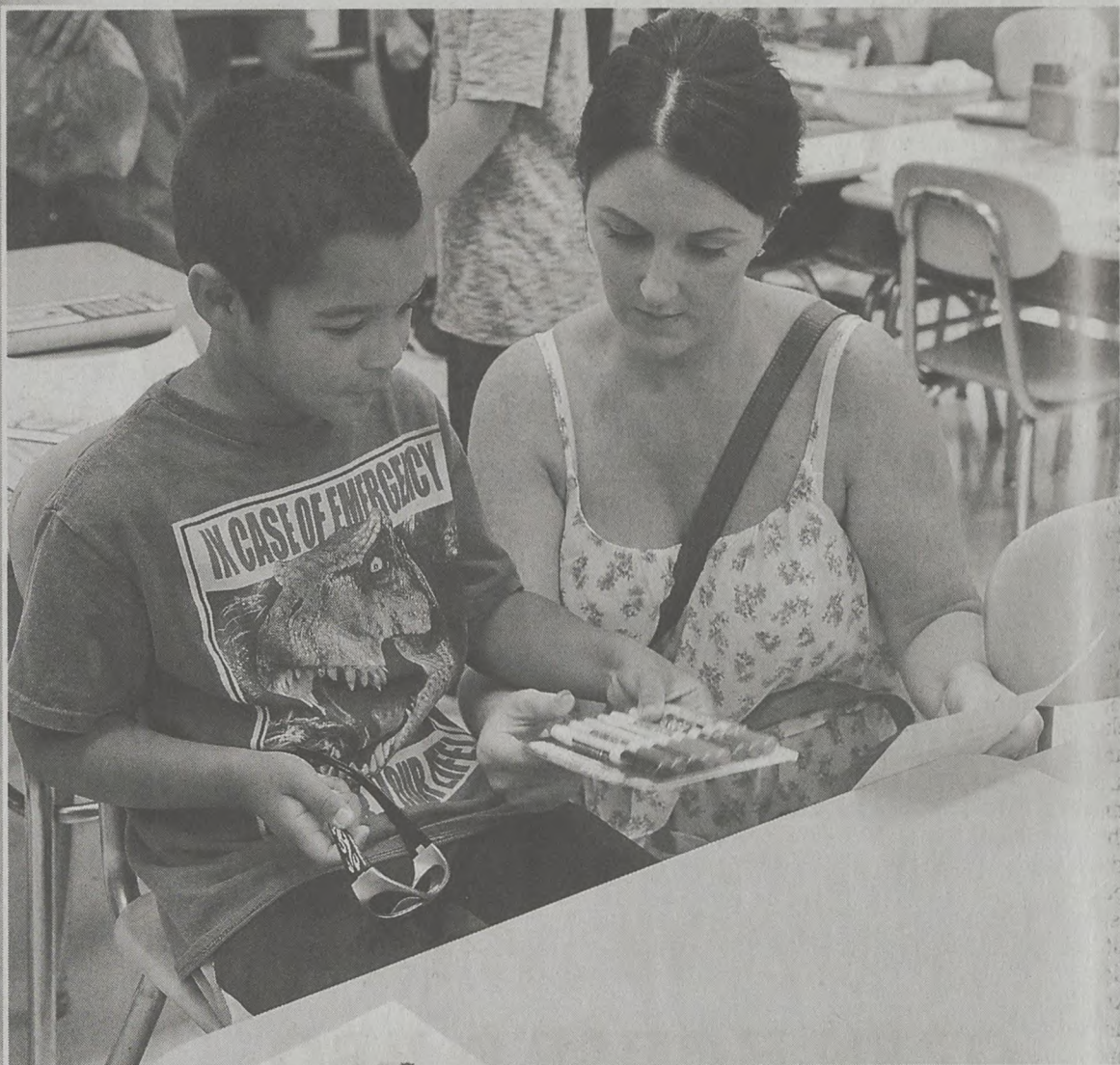
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Back-to-school scenes



◀ Michael Fay waited for the bus to take him to school on the first day of third grade in Wilmington on Tuesday.

▲ Jill Murray helped Justice Eotsay stock his first grade desk with new school supplies.

(Photos by Maureen Brady)

Sons of Italy/Band Parents annual yard sale, Sept. 10

The Wilmington Sons of Italy and the Wilmington High School Band Parents will be holding their 4th Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 10th from 8am to 3pm at the Town Common Parking Lot on Middlesex Ave.

There will be over 30 vendors selling their wares. There will be everything from old coins to household items, clothes, furniture, collectibles and much more, come and find your treasure!!

We encourage all our friends and neighbors in Wilmington and neighboring towns to stop by with your family as there will be more than just a huge yard sale going on during this fun event. We will have Antique Cars on display from 10am to 2pm, Music and a BBQ.

All the proceeds raised will go to help the two organizations with the many programs that they support throughout the year including scholarships for Wilmington High School students.

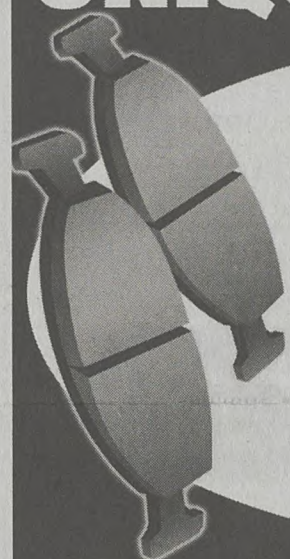
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Slater earns Master of Science in Nursing Degree

Cheryl Slater of Wilmington has received her Master of Science in Nursing - Education degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The university held its 31st semi-annual commencement ceremony in Salt Lake City on July 16 and celebrated the graduation of more than 8,000 graduates.

At its commencement, the university awarded 4,944 undergraduate and 3,103 graduate degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and

healthcare professions, including nursing. Graduates reside in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, as well as Armed Forces personnel stationed overseas. Dell Loy Hansen, founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Wasatch Group, delivered the commencement address. Students who were not able to attend the ceremony in person were able to watch the event via live video stream on the WGU website.

Myers invited to Frontier's of Engineering Education Symposium

Andrew Myers, Ph.D., P.E. assistant professor in the department of civil and environmental engineering at Northeastern University, was recently invited to participate at the National Academy of Engineering's eighth Frontiers of Engineering Education (FOEE) Symposium, which will be held in late September in Irvine, CA.

Chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants, conference attendees were nominated by members of the National Academy of Engineering or deans.

A Wilmington native and Jamaica Plain resident, Dr. Myers' research includes offshore and onshore wind energy structures, large-scale experimental testing of structures, computational mechanics-based simulation, and probabilistic modeling of structural and natu-



▲ DR. ANDREW MYERS
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ral systems.

Dr. Myers received his B.S. from Johns Hopkins University and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Stanford University. All three of his degrees are in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a focus on Structural Engineering.

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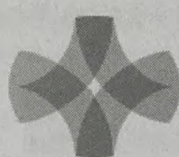
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Vega selected to be a Youth Social Justice Leader at Beaver Country Day School

By **KRISTA BRESNAHAN**
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WILMINGTON — Mason Vega is an upcoming junior at Beaver Country Day School and one of 40 high school students in the Boston area who has been

selected to be trained as a Youth Social Justice Leader. This year Vega will be receiving training through YW Boston's Youth Leadership Initiative, InIt, on how to deal with issues such as racism, sexism, and ableism in his school. "One of the leaders of the

YW in Boston came to a school wide assembly at Beaver Country Day and told us about the program. I took one of the packets they were giving out and applied to be a Youth Social Justice Leader by writing a few short essays," said Vega. Some of the things that

Youth Social Justice Leaders will be learning about are issues of race, gender, class, housing equity, education policy, food justice, health equity, immigration, and the criminal legal system.

"It sounded like it would be fun and a good opportunity to learn," said Vega, "It's something I've never done before, and making changes in equality seemed like a good idea and like it would be interesting."

According to the YW of Boston's website, "InIt is nationally recognized for its best practices in cultivating social and emotional learning skills such as teamwork, empathy, emotion management, responsibility, initiative, and problem solving in its participants. These life skills have been identified as essential for young people to thrive in college and in today's workforce. Students graduate from InIt with new perspectives, relationships, and skills that benefit them in all areas of their lives. Specifically, students gain: in-depth understanding of social justice and how to affect positive change in their schools and communities, meaningful connections with peers from different racial, religious, socio-economic and geographic backgrounds, leadership and workplace skills like public speaking, time management, workshop facilitation, and communication skills, and connection to a large network of InIt alumni who are local leaders."

"InIt also makes an impact



▲ MASON VEGA

(Courtesy photo)

on entire schools through workshop and assembly offerings. InIt staff facilitate interactive, experiential-based sessions to classrooms and schools, in order to expose a broader audience of students to the social justice topics and skills that are taught in the InIt program."

Some of the requirements for the ten month Youth Leadership Initiative include a summer retreat, Program Days that take place one Saturday each month, and ongoing work on a community action project throughout the school year.

"We have to complete hours throughout school, doing anything we want that teaches new ideas about things like sexuality, race, and

other issues. There are three delegates from Beaver Country Day and we have to do twenty hours each," said Vega, "We also have days once a month on Saturdays where we go do research and learn about different types of problems and equality."

Mason Vega is a junior at Beaver Country Day School and a member of the class of 2018. He is also a member of the Beaver Country Day School basketball team, a part of one of their junior jazz ensembles, and he is thinking about joining the lacrosse team this year.

Vega is an active student, and InIt will help him to become even more active in school and the world around him.

Moving to Wilmington public schools "one of the best decisions I have ever made"

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led him beyond those schools. He found in Wilmington exactly the opportunity he was hoping for.

"Leaving Everett High School was one of the hardest decision I have ever made," Merenda said. "Wilmington offered me an opportunity to pursue my ambition to become an assistant principal in a system with which I share similar core values."

Those core values include going beyond the textbook and educating what Merenda described as "the whole person."

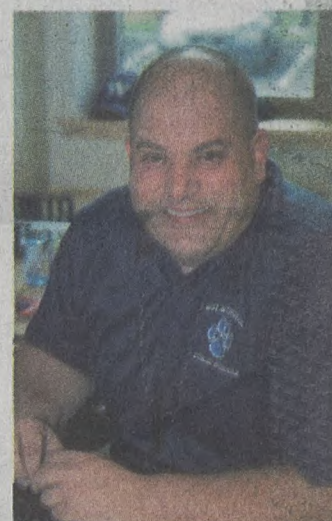
"WPS believes in educating the whole person both academically and socially," Merenda said. "And most importantly, they believe in collaboration and teamwork."

In his short time with Wilmington High School, Merenda has already come to feel welcome within the education team that runs from pre-K and kindergarten through to the seniors in high school. He has become enraptured with the schools, the system, and the people who make it run.

"Joining the Wilmington Public School system has truly been one of the best decisions I have ever made," he said. "Every person I have encountered has been warm and welcoming. There is a real and palpable sense of community at the high school and throughout the school system... every teacher and administrator from the superintendent to the support staff is part of the team. Every person's voice is valued and all are working together to provide a well-rounded and comprehensive education for all WPS students."

It is Merenda's hope that that community spirit will only further academic achievement. With the whole team working together, there is no telling what students might accomplish in their time within the walls of Wilmington schools.

"Expectations, both academic and social, need to be high and we as a community need to work together to meet those expectations," he said. "I believe that there are



▲ JONATHAN MERENDA

(Photo by Maureen Brady)

multiple if not infinite pathways to student achievement. Discovering those pathways is a team effort and every person on the team has a voice that needs to be heard."

With the school year newly begun, Merenda is enthusiastic about the challenges that lie in wait and the opportunities for himself and the students and staff at the high school.

"On July 1, when I pulled into the Wilmington High School parking lot for the first time, I promised myself that I would work hard, have fun, and give more than I take," he said. "Being an effective assistant principal in Wilmington is an ongoing goal."

Former Beverly HS principal looks forward to new challenge

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eventually assuming the role of Dean of Students and athletic director for Salem.

Having held positions at virtually every level of the public education system, Gallagher hopes that the building principals and faculties in Wilmington will see him as an ally and a supportive partner in educating the children of Wilmington.

"I really believe in collaborative leadership," Gallagher said. "I think I'm going to be in the buildings a lot throughout the district. I want to learn the cultures of all the schools. I want to get very familiar with the great accomplishments of the individual schools, and their challenges, and to really work side-by-side with the principals and members of the faculty."

With the new school year now upon us, Gallagher hopes

to spend the first few months familiarizing himself with each of the schools, getting to know the way that the school system ticks and turns here in Wilmington.

"My number one goal is to understand the school culture of every school," he said. "My ultimate goal is to be an asset to the district leadership, but also to the principals and faculty."

While the start of the school year may not have the visceral rush for the central office as it does for the faculty in the buildings, Gallagher is eager for the start of the school year so he might get the chance to know his new home even better.

"Every day and each week that I learn more about the community and the school system, I grow even more impressed," Gallagher said. "I'm really excited to start the school year."

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Tewksbury Youth Football player, Lexi St. Cyr

'Girls don't play football'; Oh Yeah?

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TEWKSBURY- Bring up Lexi St. Cyr to coaches at the Tewksbury Youth Football program and many of them share the same response: They break into a big smile and say, "She's awesome!"

St. Cyr's awesome-credentials have been established over years of hard-hitting football, with the young girl stunning rival players and coaches alike with her ferocious tackles that have left many a startled boy sprawling in the grass trying to figure out what just ran him over.

"I was about seven or eight when I started," Lexi recalls. "I was thinking about joining up and a boy in my class said, 'Girls don't play football.' I was like, 'I'm going to show him.'"

"I was a little nervous because they hit hard and she is a girl," her mom, Michelle, admitted. "But she was persistent. She wanted to do it so we said OK. She's loved it ever since."

Now in the eighth grade, Lexi rapidly developed a reputation as one of the fiercest and toughest tackles anywhere in the program. One coach recalled her walking off the field with a broken finger, only to walk right back on once the finger was re-set, and playing the rest of the game without hesitation or complaint.

"She has to be tougher than the boys," Michelle said.

"I have to show them," Lexi agreed.

"I love really when she knocks someone's clock off that's much bigger than her," Michelle laughed. "There's been teammates that after the fact have come back to her and admit, 'You're really awesome and I don't even want to go against you.'"

That toughness has been reinforced many times over. More than one coach can recall having an opposing team's head coach coming over and asking, "Could you have the girl not hit as hard?"

"I just picture my sister's face," she laughed. "It works every time."

As excited as Lexi is for this new season, it will be a bittersweet occasion. Eighth grade is the last year for Tewksbury Youth Football. The boys are getting bigger and stronger, and her dominant edge has already begun to dim.

"Every year, the guys get a little taller," she admitted. I used to be the tallest but not anymore."

"It's a big question, High School, how's that going to go," Michelle said. "It is sad that she's growing up. The people here have always been so supportive of her, truly. They've coached her on and they've been great. That's going to be hard to leave."

When TYF does end, Lexi will have the memories of many, many accomplishments to look back on. Just last season, she scored her first career touchdown thanks to a special play.

"I've always wanted to run the ball and they actually

ran a special play for me," she excitedly recalled.

Both Lexi and Michelle offered nothing but praise for the football program and the staff, who never flinched from finding a place for Lexi on the field.

"They've been really supportive of it ever since I first joined," Lexi said.

"I think our program, we've always invited athletes from anywhere," program president Rob Rosa said. "If you want to play, come on over and we'll find a place for you. It's great to see her go through the whole program."

It is that community spirit and sense of closeness that Lexi will perhaps miss most.

"I love the adrenaline and the good teammates that I've had," she said. "They're like my second family."

Lexi hopes to fill this last year with as many good times and as many tackles as she possibly can, and hopefully there will continue to be avenues and opportunities for her skill and passion going forward.

And she is not the only one taking away cherished memories from the football field.

"They were playing this one team, and they had to put this big guy and another guy on her," Michelle recalled. "And she knocked them both down. It was great. And some guy beside me, 'Wow, that guy's really good.' And I said, 'You mean girl? Yeah, that's my baby.'"

Additional TYF Story inside this section.



Above, Tewksbury Youth Football player Lexi St. Cyr cuts around the pylon and below she takes a breather from a drill to kindly take a picture for the Town Crier.

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Register online for upcoming TGBL season

Online registrations for the TGBL 2016 - 2017 In-town and Clinic programs are now being accepted. The "on time" registration period will end on September 10, 2016—registrations received after this date will be accepted only as space allows.

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Leah Potcner leaves Salem State program after eight years as player-coach

Former Wildcat Goalie named head coach at Chelmsford High School

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CHELMSFORD/WILMINGTON - Nine years ago, Leah Potcner was a goalie on the Wilmington High School Girls' Soccer team. Little did she know at the time that she was getting life-lessons everyday from head coach Sue Hendee, all the while competing in the game Potcner has loved since she can remember.

Those life-lessons continued over the next eight years with the Salem State Women's Soccer program. Potcner moved up the ranks to the collegiate level and played four very strong years as a keeper for the Vikings before spending the next four years as the program's goalie coach, under head coach Nicolle Wood, who also spent a year

coaching under Hendee at WHS.

Now at 26 years old and a fifth grade school teacher in Dracut, Potcner is hoping the 12 years experience between playing in the Wilmington High and Salem State programs, and then the four years of being an assistant coach will help her with the life lessons she hopes to be providing everyday to the soccer players she will now be directing everyday.

In early May, Potcner was named the new head varsity soccer coach at Chelmsford High School, replacing Anne Marinaro. Just this past week, Potcner got on the field for the first time - as a head coach.

"Leah was chosen to lead our program late last spring," said Chelmsford High School Athletic



Wilmington resident Leah Potcner (front row kneeling) poses with the entire Chelmsford High School Girls' soccer program during a pre-season practice. She was named the varsity head coach back in May after spending the last eight years with the Salem State College program. (courtesy photo).

Director Scott Moreau. "Her background as a college player, assistant coach at Salem State and experience working with varsity level players at Wilmington High School was exactly what we were looking for in a coach."

"She has worked hard in the short time she's been here to get to know her players and create a positive culture for the girls. We're excited to have her lead our program."

The season won't officially start for Potcner and the Lions until September 7th against Dracut, but until then, Potcner said things have gone smoothly in pre-season.

"From what I've seen during our tryouts the first few days, it is clear that this is a strong program," she said. "I am sure Anne worked hard to build that. I am excited to continue to build this program. Just from the first two days of double sessions, it was evident that all of the girls have worked so hard in the off-season."

"We have strength across all grade levels and positions. I am excited to get the season started and see just

how much stronger we can get. Not only are all of these girls great athletes, they are also all-around great kids. They are respectful, hard-working, and dedicated."

Marinaro held the job the last five seasons, including 2011 leading the team to the Division 1 North sectional finals. The Lions qualified for the tournament the next three seasons winning a combined 33 games, but didn't qualify this past year.

Potcner said that in order to get the program back to its dominating ways in the very tough Merrimack Valley Conference, it starts with the simple things: heart, intensity and competitiveness.

"I strongly believe that what sets great teams apart from other teams, is their passion for the game," she said. "The girls can work as hard as they want, but if they don't have that passion, that love for the game, we are only going to go so far. Sometimes games come down to who wants it more. My goal is to challenge them, coach them to become better athletes, and help strengthen the passion for the game. We plan to train hard, play hard, adjust, and get stronger."

She added that she would like to continue to build up the feeder program in the town of Chelmsford.

"I have big plans to bridge the gap between the Chelmsford Youth Soccer

Program and the High School Program," she said.

"We plan to invite the youth players to be ball girls at our home games and volunteer to host mini clinics at their practices. We are hoping to host a Chelmsford Youth Soccer Night as well. I believe this relationship is so crucial because these youth players are the future of our program."

Potcner was asked about the differences and the adjustments she will have to make going from a goalie coach of a college program to a high school program with a very proud tradition.

"I think the adjustments will be minimal," she answered. "I feel as though I can really challenge the girls and raise the bar with all I've learned at the higher level. I can easily relate coaching to my teaching career. Just as you need to be prepared, organized, and have a plan in the classroom, the same goes for the field. I have also learned that having backup plans and being flexible are key."

"I feel as though I am lucky to have developed great relationships with both my high school coach, Sue Hendee and my college coach, Nicolle Wood. I have picked up a lot of great coaching tips from Sue and Nicolle both from the player standpoint as well as from the coaching standpoint. Both Nicolle and Sue have been very supportive of me

throughout my coaching career."

"From working alongside Nicolle Wood at Salem State University, I have learned what is expected of athletes at the next level and how to prepare them for it. Sue Hendee has been a major resource for me in learning all of the ins and outs and what to expect at the high school level. I am grateful for both of them."

The guidance and assistance that both Hendee and Wood provided to Potcner was beneficial moving on to other avenues during the winter seasons. Potcner said that she had coached a soccer club team called "Benfica" over this past winter and spring seasons and several members of the team informed her about the coaching vacancy at CHS.

"Coaching is such a strong passion of mine, so I went for it," she said. "The interview went great. Scott Moreau asked great questions that showed he cared for this program and was looking for a solid fit. When the interview concluded and he told me to expect a call the following Monday, I was ecstatic. When Monday came, I realized what a professional football player must feel like on draft day, sitting by the phone waiting for the call all day."

"Once I had officially accepted the position, I got right to work."



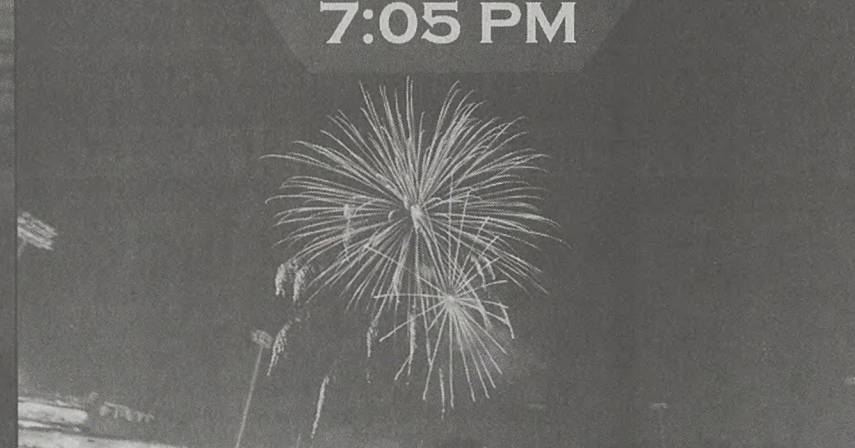


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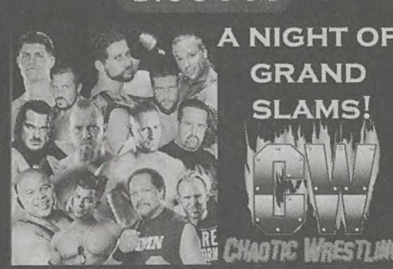
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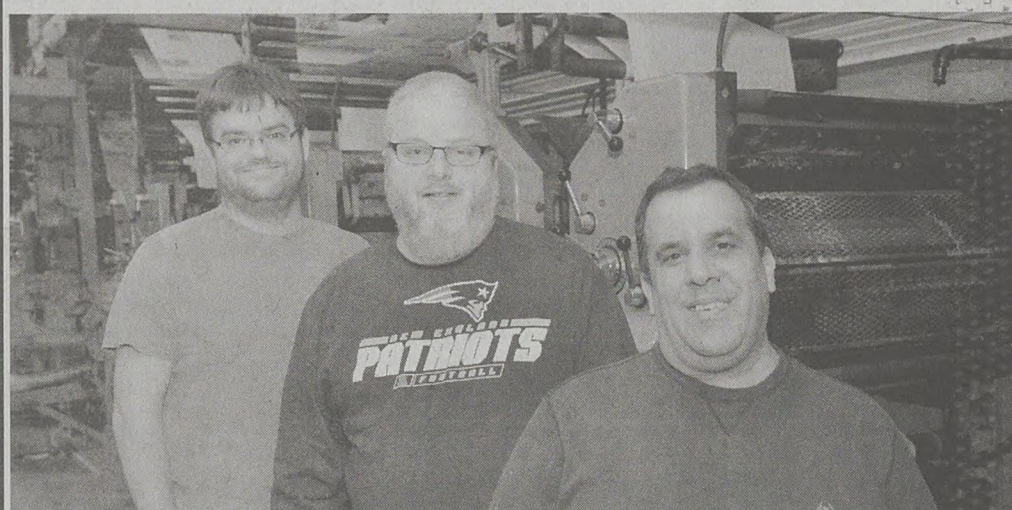


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Has appeared in four games for Sky Sox

Stephen Peterson enjoying life in Triple-A

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To say the past 12 months have been a whirlwind of success for Stephen Peterson would be a huge understatement.

Just one year ago, the then 27-year old lefty relief pitcher from Wilmington was winding down his third season with the Brevard County Manatees, the Single-A (Advanced) affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers, wrapping up a successful season where he posted a 3.22 ERA while appearing in 29 games for the Manatees.

It was not a bad year at all for the veteran pitcher, but just one year later, what Peterson has accomplished at an even higher level of play dwarfs what he accomplished in Class A ball.

After his fine season with the Manatees, Peterson was promoted at the start of this season to the Brewers Double-A affiliate, the Biloxi Shuckers, before recently making the jump to the Brewers Triple-A club, the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, leaving him just one step shy of his ultimate goal of pitching in the major leagues.

The promotion to the Triple-A Sky Sox came after a very productive stay with the Double-A Shuckers, during which Peterson went 8-4 with a 2.77 ERA in 52 appearances. Peterson struck out 49 batters in 55 innings of work for Biloxi.

Those numbers earned him a spot in the Southern League's Double-A All-Star Game, where he helped his South Division squad to a 5-1 victory over the North Division by retiring the side in order in the seventh inning.

With all of his success, Peterson likely had an inkling that he may be moving up, but it was still a thrill when he finally got the call back on August 17th, and his Biloxi teammates made sure it would be a moment he would never forget.

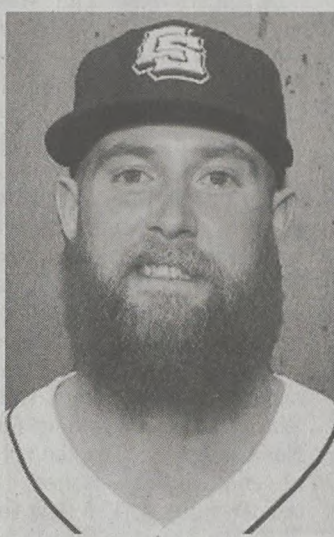
"Our manager announced it in front of the team after a game," Peterson said. "After the game, he said he wanted to talk to all of us, and then he told everybody he had gotten a phone call from management telling them that I was moving up to Triple-A. It was great to be able to share that with all of my teammates."

Just as he handled the jump from Single-A to Double-A very well, Peterson has also made a very smooth transition to the Triple-A level. It's a small sample size, but in four relief appearances for the Sky Sox, Peterson has pitched four innings without allowing a run, allowing just one hit, while striking out three batters, but he has walked three.

As well as Peterson has pitched in his brief stay with the Sky Sox, he acknowledges that the competition is even fiercer at this level.

"It's different. There are a lot of experienced players up here. You are facing a lot of mature guys who have been around the game a while," Peterson said. "A lot of these guys have been in the big leagues, or have been knocking on the door, so you have to make an adjustment."

"It's also time for me to mature as a pitcher. I have realized how much I need to have a game plan every time I go out there. It is important to be on the same page as your catcher at all



times, and here in Triple-A there are a lot of older catchers who have been around, and been in a lot of situations before, so that is also a big help."

While Peterson says he is maturing as a pitcher, the fact is that is nothing really new for him, as he has always brought a mature and determined approach to the game. It is one of the biggest reasons he was able to make the jump from Single-A to Triple-A in the span of just one year.

"Honestly I really haven't changed anything," Peterson said, when asked how he was able to move up the ladder so quickly. "I have been doing this for a while, and once you understand what kind of pitcher you are, you just need to go out and pitch to your strengths. You might not always have your best stuff, or the best velocity, but the key is to go out and compete every night."

It was that approach, and that willingness to compete every night that allowed Peterson to keep believing in himself, even when others may have had their faith shaken. As of the end of last season, Peterson had pitched five years of minor

league baseball, including three straight at the Single-A level. Some players may have wondered if it simply wasn't meant to be for them to move up the chain. But Peterson never allowed that thought to enter his mind.

"To be honest I never really had that thought," Peterson said. "You work so hard to get to a certain point, and you never let that creep up. You just try and work as hard as you can during the off season and try to come back each year and keep getting better. There are times you won't be at your best, but you still go out there and battle."

Peterson, who signed with the Brewers organization back in 2011 as an undrafted free agent after a brilliant career at St. John's Prep and the University of Rhode Island, also has an extra source of motivation to be at his best each time he takes the mound.

"I have had sort of a chip on my shoulder since day one after not being drafted. I don't know how many people expected me to get here, but for me this is just the beginning," Peterson said. "The season is winding down here and I still feel better than I have at any point in the season. I feel as good right now as I did at the start of the season, and as good as I have at any point in my career."

But as good as he is feeling, Peterson is also not getting ahead of himself. Just as he would not allow himself to be discouraged when he was not moving up, he is not allowing himself the luxury of looking ahead to that next big step, although that one step would mean a trip to the major leagues.

"I don't really think about

it. For me personally, I battled through three years in 'A' ball before I moved up to Double-A, so I know that all you can do is just go out and control what you can control and not worry about the rest," Peterson said. "I just know that if continue to

mature as a pitcher and show the organization that I am on the right path hopefully I will put myself in a good position, and open some eyes so I can achieve my goal of pitching in the big leagues."

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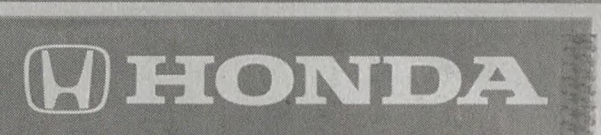
As they say in catching, follow the ball all the way to the glove, and that is exactly what Andi Aprile is doing during last week's Wilmington Women's Softball League contest. She plays for the team Cook's Cuties.

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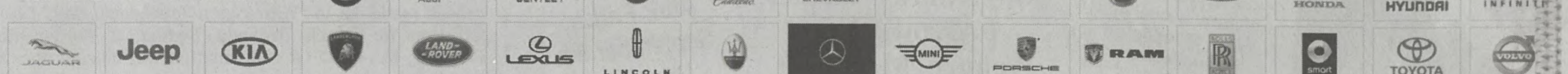
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Tewksbury Youth Football program continues to flourish



The 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders at the TYF practice their stunting.
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By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
Sports Correspondent

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TEWKSBURY- The thermometer might now show it, but fall is rapidly approaching and so of course the Livingston Street complex is once again abuzz with the Tewksbury Youth Football Program. Dozens of football players and cheerleaders of a wide range of ages headed down to the fields to brush off the summer rust and get ready for an exciting season.

"A lot of kids sit home nowadays and play their Xbox," league president Rob Rosa laughed. "We see a lot of conditioning issues [in our first days]. The first few days are about making sure the kids are prepared, and also that they're having some fun."

Like many football programs, TYF is working to combat the public perception of football being an unsafe sport. Rosa points to the spike in participants in flag football, which now numbers over 200 players for the upcoming season, as indication that the interest in the game is still very present.

"I think parents are just waiting for their kids to be ready to play football," Rosa said. "And it's just parents

being conscious [of head injuries]. I totally understand it."

The safety of all players, whether they be football players or cheerleaders, is paramount to Rosa and the many volunteers that keep the league humming week after week.

"We've been leveraging Heads Up Football," Rosa said. "It's a program about the proper technique of how to tackle, where to tackle, which way to tackle. We're also going to have a trainer come out this year and talk to all the coaches about the early signs of concussions."

Rosa acknowledges that children in this day and age have an unparalleled number of options for how to spend their days, and so he and the rest of the TYF are always looking for ways to keep giving their players new chances to grow, compete, and learn.

This year, the cheerleading program is leaping into the American Youth Cheerleading league, which will allow Tewksbury's finest young cheerleaders the chance to compete against other towns and regions, potentially even going to a national stage.

"We're affiliating ourselves with American Youth Cheerleading," Rosa said. "So the girls will actually go to compete in AYC. They potentially could go to the Nationals. It's a little more formalized than the league that we're in, so this gives them an avenue to go and compete and do it at a recreational level."

And football is expanding as well. The Northeast Junior High Football league is in the process of merging with the New Hampshire Seacoast League, which will

allow Tewksbury the chance to play against many new opponents.

Rosa recalls numerous cases of coaches for the younger teams complaining that, while they loved the experience of coaching, it did start to get old playing the same sets of teams over and over again throughout a season.

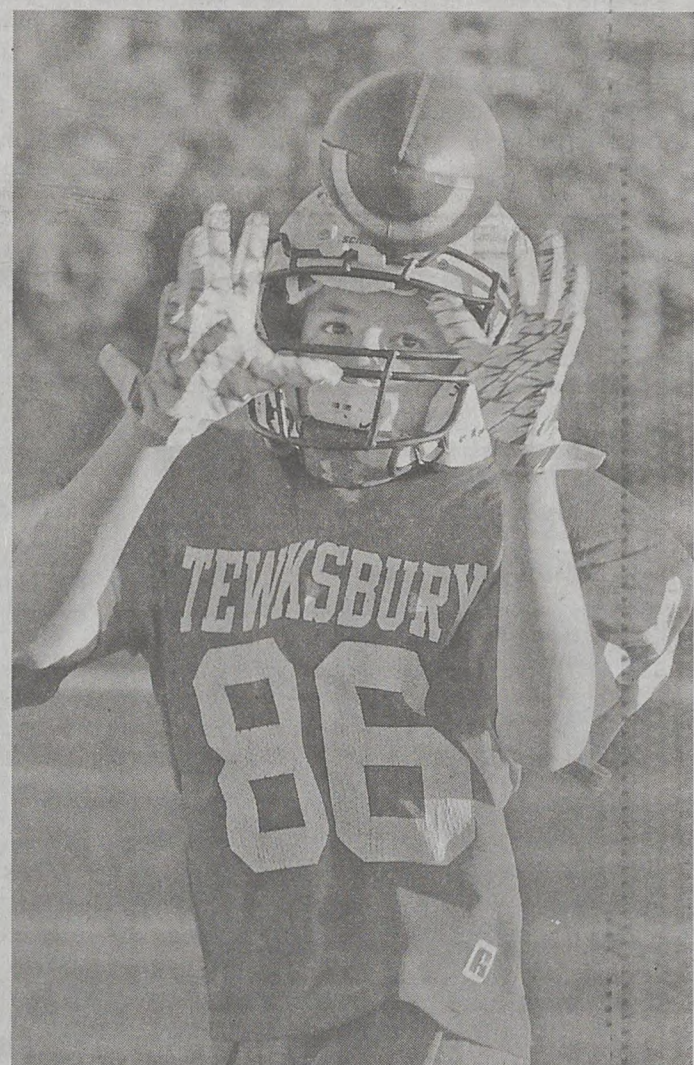
"We'll now have 20 teams at the seventh and eighth grade level," Rosa said. "At the sixth grade level we'll have 14 teams. That's a good amount of teams to do cross-play."

It is Rosa's hope that this expansion will not only allow for even stronger gameplay and competition, but maybe even help expand the horizons of Tewksbury football players beyond the scope of the town.

"I think a lot of it is the diversity of the town," Rosa said. "Most of these folks live in Tewksbury and we're a predominantly white town. There's nothing wrong with that, but to go and play a Lowell or a Manchester, the diversity is there. It gives the kids a perspective on life. It's not all like Tewksbury. That's one of the things I like most, to promote playing more diverse teams."

With new and returning players, new and returning coaches, Rosa is happy to see the program continue to evolve and develop, so long as they keep the central focus on being a fun experience for everyone.

"If they're not having fun, they're not going to want to play next year," Rosa said. "They're going to say I want to do something else. We want to make sure they are staying invested and seeing the progression."



Tewksbury Youth Football Red team player Kyle McHugh keeps his eyes on the ball during practice.
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Questions: Coach Amanda Beddia 978-810-2277 or CoachAmandaBeddia@gmail.com

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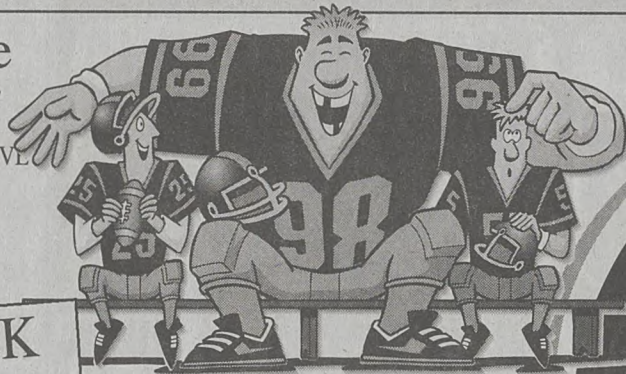
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Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 14	at Andover	3:45 pm
Wed	Sept 21	vs Lawrence	3:30 pm
Wed	Sept 28	at Central Catholic	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 5	vs Methuen	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 12	at North Andover	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 19	at Chelmsford	3:30 pm

*All home meets are at the Livingston Street Course

Varsity Field Hockey

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	at Bedford	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 8	vs Chelmsford	3:30 pm
Wed	Sept 14	at North Andover	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at Haverhill	5:30 pm
Mon	Sept 19	at Dracut	3:45 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Central Catholic	3:30 pm
Mon	Sept 26	at Lawrence	7:15 pm
Wed	Sept 28	at Andover	7:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	vs Wakefield	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 5	vs North Andover	3:30 pm
Sat	Oct 8	at Methuen	10:00 am
Mon	Oct 10	vs Bedford	9:30 am
Wed	Oct 12	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 19	vs Methuen	5:30 pm
Sat	Oct 22	at Wilmington	10:00 am
Mon	Oct 24	vs Dracut	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 26	at Chelmsford	6:30 pm
Fri	Oct 28	at Wakefield	6:00 pm

*All home games are at TMHS Field Turf.

Varsity Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	Sept 10	vs Malden Catholic	1:30 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at Methuen	7:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	at North Andover	7:00 pm
Sat	Oct 1	vs Dracut	2:00 pm
Sat	Oct 8	vs Lawrence	1:30 pm
Fri	Oct 14	at Chelmsford	7:00 pm
Sat	Oct 22	vs Billerica	1:30 pm
Thurs	Nov 24	at Wilmington	10:00 am

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Varsity Swimming & Diving

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	Sept 9	vs Chelmsford	3:30 pm
Mon	Sept 12	vs North Andover	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 15	vs Andover	3:30 pm
Mon	Sept 19	vs Adv. Math Charter	3:45 pm
Fri	Sept 23	at Central Catholic	3:30 pm
Sun	Sept 25	MVC Diving vs Andover	5:30 pm
Wed	Sept 28	vs St. Peter-Marian	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	at NDA Hingham	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 4	at Dracut	3:30 pm
Fri	Oct 7	at Haverhill	3:30 pm
Fri	Oct 14	at Billerica	3:30 pm
Sun	Oct 23	MVC Diving at Haverhill	4:30 pm
Fri	Oct 28	MVC Diving vs Lowell	4:00 pm

*All home meets at Greater Lawrence High School

Varsity Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	Sept 9	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Sat	Sept 10	vs Bedford	10:00 am
Tues	Sept 13	vs North Andover	3:45 pm
Thurs	Sept 15	at Dracut	3:30 pm
Mon	Sept 19	vs Medford	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 20	at Lawrence	7:15 pm
Thurs	Sept 22	at Billerica	3:45 pm
Tues	Sept 27	vs Chelmsford	3:45 pm
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Tues	Oct 11	vs Andover	3:45 pm
Thurs	Oct 13	at North Andover	4:00 pm
Sat	Oct 15	vs Pentucket Regional	10:00 am
Tues	Oct 18	at Methuen	3:45 pm
Thurs	Oct 20	vs Dracut	3:45 pm
Tues	Oct 25	vs Billerica	3:30 pm
Thurs	Oct 27	at Chelmsford	5:00 pm
Fri	Oct 28	at Bedford	3:45 pm
Sat	Oct 29	at Wilmington	10:00 am

Varsity Girls Soccer

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Wed	Oct 12	at Billerica	2:45 pm
Mon	Oct 17	at Methuen	2:45 pm
Tues	Oct 18	vs Central Catholic	2:45 pm

*All home matches are at Trull Brook except ** which is at TCC.

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Wilmington High School Fall Varsity Sports Schedules

WHS B/G Cross Country

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues	Sept 13	vs Reading	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 20	vs Arlington	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 27	at Burlington	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 5	at Wakefield	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 11	vs Watertown	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 18	at Stoneham	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 25	vs Burlington	3:30 pm

WHS Golf

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	vs Reading	3:30 pm
Mon	Sept 19	at Amesbury	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 20	at Stoneham	3:30 pm
Wed	Sept 21	vs Burlington	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 22	vs Wakefield	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 27	at Watertown	3:30 pm
Wed	Sept 28	at Winchester	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	at Stoneham	3:30 pm
Mon	Oct 3	vs Melrose	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 4	vs Woburn	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 5	at Lexington	3:30 pm
Thurs	Oct 6	at Belmont	3:30 pm
Wed	Oct 12	vs Amesbury	3:30 pm
Thurs	Oct 13	at Winchester	3:30 pm

WHS Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	vs Woburn	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 9	vs Lexington	4:00 pm
Mon	Sept 12	at Medford	5:15 pm
Tues	Sept 13	vs Belmont	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Mon	Sept 19	at Wakefield	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 22	vs Watertown	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Masconomet	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 27	at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	vs Medford	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	vs Burlington	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 5	at Arlington	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 7	at Winchester	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 14	at Reading	4:00 pm
Mon	Oct 17	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 19	vs Wakefield	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 21	at Watertown	4:00 pm
Mon	Oct 24	vs Stoneham	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 26	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 28	at Woburn	4:00 pm

WHS Field Hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept 9	vs Woburn	3:45 pm
Sept 12	vs Lexington	6:00 pm
Sept 14	vs Belmont	6:00 pm
Sept 16	at Melrose	3:45 pm
Sept 20	at Wakefield	3:45 pm
Sept 22	vs Watertown	3:45 pm
Sept 26	at Stoneham	3:45 pm
Sept 28	vs Burlington	6:00 pm
Oct 4	at Arlington	3:45 pm
Oct 6	at Winchester	3:45 pm
Oct 10	at Reading	10:00 am
Oct 13	at Danvers	4:00 pm
Oct 14	vs Melrose	3:45 pm
Oct 17	vs Wakefield	6:00 pm
Oct 20	at Watertown	3:45 pm
Oct 22	vs Tewksbury	10:00 am
Oct 24	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Oct 26	at Burlington	3:45 pm

WHS Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thurs	Sept 8	vs Woburn	6:00 pm
Sat	Sept 10	vs Lexington	2:00 pm
Tues	Sept 13	vs Belmont	3:45 pm
Thurs	Sept 15	at Melrose	3:45 pm
Wed	Sept 21	at Wakefield	3:45 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Watertown	3:45 pm
Tues	Sept 27	at Stoneham	3:45 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	vs Burlington	6:00 pm
Wed	Oct 5	at Arlington	3:45 pm
Fri	Oct 7	at Winchester	3:45 pm
Mon	Oct 10	at Reading	10:00 am
Thurs	Oct 13	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Tues	Oct 18	vs Wakefield	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 21	at Watertown	3:45 pm
Tues	Oct 25	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 27	at Burlington	6:00 pm
Sat	Oct 29	vs Tewksbury	10:00 am
Mon	Oct 31	at Billerica	3:45 pm

WHS Girls Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thurs	Sept 8	at Woburn	5:15 pm
Sat	Sept 10	at Lexington	2:00 pm
Tues	Sept 13	at Belmont	6:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 15	vs Melrose	3:45 pm
Sat	Sept 17	at Tewksbury	10:00 am
Wed	Sept 21	vs Wakefield	3:45 pm
Fri	Sept 23	at Watertown	3:45 pm
Tues	Sept 27	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	at Burlington	3:45 pm
Mon	Oct 3	vs Beverly	6:00 pm
Wed	Oct 5	vs Arlington	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 7	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Mon	Oct 10	vs Reading	10:00 am
Thurs	Oct 13	at Melrose	7:30 pm
Tues	Oct 18	at Wakefield	3:45 pm
Fri	Oct 21	vs Watertown	6:00 pm
Tues	Oct 25	at Stoneham	3:45 pm
Thurs	Oct 27	vs Burlington	6:00 pm

WHS Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	Sept 9	vs Winchester	7:00 pm
Sat	Sept 17	vs Franklin County Tech*	7:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Stoneham	7:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	at Wakefield	7:00 pm
Fri	Oct 7	at Melrose	7:00 pm
Fri	Oct 14	vs Watertown	7:00 pm
Fri	Oct 21	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Thurs	Nov 24	vs Tewksbury	10:00 am

* A recent change to the schedule; The game originally scheduled for Friday, Sept 16th vs Dracut has been replaced by this game to be played on Saturday, Sept 17th; **Also after the Oct 21st game will be MIAA Playoffs, TBA.

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing September 7, 2016, at 7:08 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Angelo Evans for a Notice of Intent to construct a 850 +/- square-foot addition and 72 +/- square foot wooden deck within areas requiring a permit under the Wetlands Protection Act. Said property is located on 90 Navillus Road Map 21 Lot 48.

Kyle Boyd
Town Planner/
Conservation Agent
161062 8/31/16

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING Request for Determination of Applicability

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 7th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lowell Assembly of God, for a Request for Determination of Applicability to add crushed stone for additional parking within 100 feet of a resource area. Said property is located at 995 Andover St., Assessor's Map 14 Lot 11.

Kyle Boyd
Conservation Agent/
Town Planner
160993 8/31/16

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
WILMINGTON
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Board of Selectmen in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 on the application of Danielle H. Spicer, PE, Senior Associate, Green International Affiliates, Inc., 239 Littleton Road, Suite 3, Westford, MA 01886, acting on behalf of the Town of Wilmington, to Renew the Permit to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 9 Cross Street, Wilmington, MA, and further described as Parcel 5 on Assessors' Map 39 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Judith L. O'Connell,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
160989 8/24,31/16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by HARTMANN DEVELOPMENT LLC to NORTH SHORE BANK, A CO-OPERATIVE BANK (FKA SAUGUS-BANK A CO-OPERATIVE BANK) dated FEBRUARY 23, 2005 AND RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2005 and recorded with the MIDDLESEX NORTH County Registry of Deeds in Book 18433, Page 95 AS ASSIGNED TO ASSET REDEVELOPMENT CORP. AT BOOK 29561, PAGE 68 of which mortgage ASSET REDEVELOPMENT CORP. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 at Land on Kansas Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:
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TERMS OF SALE:

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

ASSET REDEVELOPMENT CORP.
Present holder
of said mortgage
By its attorneys,
Falbo, Solari &
Goldberg PC
5 Essex Green Drive,
Suite 34
Peabody, MA 01960
978-532-8891
161055 8/31, 9/7, 14/16

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF
SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws that a public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Selectmen, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Route 38 Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Mavericks Restaurant and Lounge for transfer of stock, new officers and directors to Mark A. Proctor for the license to sell all alcoholic beverages as common victualler on premises described as six rooms, 2 dining rooms, 1 kitchen, 1 office, 1 conference room, 1 storage room, cellar, 1 for delivery, 3 for storage, 4 side exits, one Main Street exit located at 2212 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. Input is welcome from the public. The Board of Selectmen recommends that comments be submitted in writing, to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before Friday, September 9, 2016 before 12:00 p.m.

Bruce Panilaitis
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
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Shawsheen Tech Fall Varsity Sports Schedules

Varsity Football

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	Sept 10	vs Blue Hills at Burlington HS	1:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at Arlington Catholic	TBA
Sat	Sept 24	at Mystic Valley	TBA
Sat	Oct 1	at Whittier Tech	10:30 am
Sat	Oct 8	vs Northeast	TBA
Fri	Oct 14	vs Essex Tech	7:00 pm
Sat	Oct 22	at Gr. Lawrence	10:30 am
Thurs	Nov 24	vs Gr. Lowell	10:15 am

Varsity Golf

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Thurs	Sept 8	at Gr. Lawrence	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 15	vs Essex Tech	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 20	at Northeast	3:30 pm
Thurs	Sept 22	vs Minuteman	3:30 pm
Tues	Sept 27	vs Gr. Lawrence	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 4	at Essex Tech	3:30 pm
Thurs	Oct 6	vs Northeast	3:30 pm
Tues	Oct 11	at Minuteman	3:30 pm

Varsity Boys Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues	Sept 6	vs Chelsea	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 9	at Nashoba Tech	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 14	at Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 20	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Minuteman	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 27	at Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	at Chelsea	4:15 pm
Mon	Oct 3	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Sat	Oct 8	vs Wakefield	3:00 pm
Mon	Oct 10	at Whittier Tech	10:00 am
Thurs	Oct 13	vs Northeast	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 14	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Tues	Oct 18	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 20	vs Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Tues	Oct 25	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 27	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Sat	Oct 29	at Wakefield	TBA

Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 9	vs Northeast	4:00 pm
Mon	Sept 12	at St. Joseph's	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 14	at Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 21	vs NDA	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	vs Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Mon	Sept 26	vs Fellowship	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	at Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Mon	Oct 3	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 5	vs Chelsea	4:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 6	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 12	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 14	at PMA	4:00 pm
Mon	Oct 17	vs St. Joseph's	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 19	at NDA	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 21	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm

Varsity Girls Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	vs Innovation Academy	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 8	vs St. Mary's	4:00 pm
Mon	Sept 12	at Assabet Valley	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 14	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	vs Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 20	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 22	at Blackstone	4:00 pm
Tues	Sept 27	vs Minuteman	4:00 pm
Thurs	Sept 29	vs NDA	4:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	at North Reading	3:45 pm
Fri	Oct 7	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 12	at NDA	4:00 pm
Fri	Oct 14	vs Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Tues	Oct 18	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 20	at Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Tues	Oct 25	vs Essec Tech	4:00 pm
Thurs	Oct 27	at Arlington Catholic	3:45 pm

TMHS Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Mon	Sept 12	at Andover	6:00 pm
Wed	Sept 14	at Lowell	6:00 pm
Fri	Sept 16	at North Andover	5:30 pm
Mon	Sept 19	vs Dracut	5:15 pm
Wed	Sept 21	vs Lawrence	6:00 pm
Fri	Sept 23	at Bedford	5:15 pm
Mon	Sept 26	vs Billerica	5:15 pm
Wed	Sept 28	at Chelmsford	6:00 pm
Fri	Sept 30	at Haverhill	6:00 pm
Mon	Oct 3	vs Central Catholic	5:30 pm
Tues	Oct 11	vs Winchester	5:15 pm
Fri	Oct 14	vs North Andover	5:30 pm
Mon	Oct 17	at Ham-Wenham	5:15 pm
Wed	Oct 19	vs Methuen	6:00 pm
Fri	Oct 21	at Dracut	6:15 pm
Mon	Oct 24	at Billerica	5:15 pm
Wed	Oct 26	MVC Play Day Night	TBA
Thurs	Oct 27	vs Bedford	5:15 pm

Boys and Girls Cross Country

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	Sept 7	vs Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 14	vs Minuteman	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 21	at PMA	4:00 pm
Wed	Sept 28	at Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 5	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Wed	Oct 12	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSIONPUBLIC HEARING
Request for
Determination
of Applicability

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 7th, 2016, at 7:04 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by DSM Realty to issue a vegetation management plan at the Market Basket Warehouse Pond. Said property is located at 875 East St., Assessor's Map 102 Lot 23.

Kyle Boyd
Conservation Agent/
Town Planner
161072 8/31/16

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF
TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF HEALTH

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on September 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Town Hall, on the request by the applicant of the Tewksbury Rod & Gun Club of 79 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA for a variance from the "Tewksbury Board of Health Regulations for the Subsurface Disposal of Sewerage: Section 5.4 System Components" of the required 1,500 gallon external grease tank. At that time, all interested parties will be heard. Copies of the proposal are available at the Board of Health Office.

Raymond Barry,
Chairman
161041 8/31, 9/7/16

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTSLAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

2016 SM 007196

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Heather Williams;
Christopher G. Williams
and to all persons
entitled to the benefit of
the Servicemembers
Civil Relief Act, 50
U.S.C. App. § 501 et
seq.:

JPMorgan Chase
Bank, National Association

claiming to have an
interest in a Mortgage
covering real property in
Wilmington, numbered
401 Woburn Street,
given by Heather
Williams and Christo-
pher G. Williams to
JPMorgan Chase Bank,
N.A., dated July 20,
2011, and recorded in
the Middlesex County
(Northern District) Reg-
istry of Deeds in Book
25113, Page 182, has/
have filed with this court
a complaint for determi-
nation of Defendant's/
Defendants' Service-
members status.

If you now are, or
recently have been, in
the active military ser-
vice of the United States
of America, then you
may be entitled to the
benefits of the Service-
members Civil Relief
Act. If you object to a
foreclosure of the
above-mentioned prop-
erty on that basis, then
you or your attorney
must file a written ap-
pearance and answer in
this court at Three
Pemberton Square,
Boston, MA 02108 on
or before October 3,
2016 or you will be for-
ever barred from claim-
ing that you are entitled
to the benefits of said
Act.

Witness, JUDITH C.
CUTLER, Chief Justice
of this Court on August
16, 2016

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
201605-0642-PPP
161040 8/31/16

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTSLAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT

16 SM 007359

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Robert G. Taylor
and to all persons
entitled to the benefit of
the Servicemembers Ci-
vil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.
App. § 501 et Seq.:

Ditech Financial LLC
f/k/a Green Tree Servicing
LLC

claiming to have an
interest in a Mortgage
covering real property in
Wilmington, numbered
266 Lowell Street, given
by Robert G. Taylor to
Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems,
Inc. acting solely as a
nominee for Country-
wide Bank, N.A., dated
January 9, 2007, and
recorded in Middlesex
County (Northern Dis-
trict) Registry of Deeds
in Book 20885, Page
239, and now held by
the Plaintiff by assign-
ment, has/have filed with
this court a complaint for
determination of Defen-
dant's/Defendants' Ser-
vicemembers status.

If you now are, or
recently have been, in
the active military ser-
vice of the United States
of America, then you
may be entitled to the
benefits of the Service-
members Civil Relief
Act. If you object to a
foreclosure of the
above-mentioned prop-
erty on that basis, then
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pearance and answer in
this court at Three
Pemberton Square,
Boston, MA 02108 on
or before October 3,
2016 or you will be for-
ever barred from claim-
ing that you are entitled
to the benefits of said
Act.

Witness, JUDITH C.
CUTLER, Chief Justice
of said Court on August
18, 2016

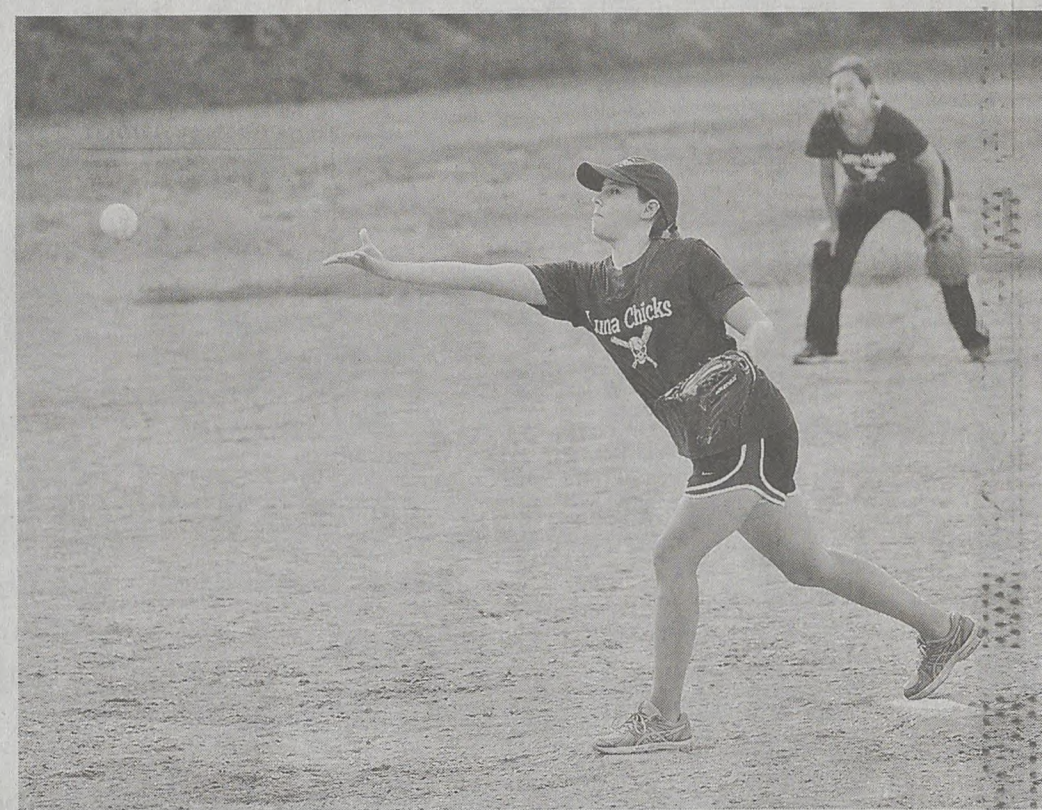
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
15-024438 / Taylor,
Robert G./08/31/2016
161044 8/31/16



It was a great way to end the summer and kick off the fall soccer season for Head Coach Jan Fischer and the Wilmington Girls U14 Team. The girls team was victorious for the second year in a row taking the Championship at the North Reading Kick Off Tournament this past weekend. The team includes back row from left: Katie Regan, Talia Steed, Kayla Smith, Hannah Watson, Kylie Ducharme, Samantha Papastathis, Allie Fischer, Allie Martinson, Ava Elliott and Molly Dugan; Front row from left: Amber Flynn, Katie McLaughlin, Tori Gemellaro, Emily Sartori, Annie Lagunilla, Jenna Sweeney and Ashlyn Buckley. (courtesy photo).



The Wilmington Wildcats Boys U11-1 team had a strong showing at the North Reading Fall Kick Off for their first year in the U12 age group. The boys came together well against the U12 competition, making it all the way to the Championship game. The team includes: Coach Pete Lagunilla, Michael McCarthy, Daniel Lagunilla, Charlie Rosa, Ben Marvin, Jonathan Foresyth, Matthew Doherty, Michael Oatis, Coach Rob Elliott, Ryan Sweeney, Michael Lawler, Liam Milne, Ethan Kennedy, Ryan Copson, Noah Spencer, Remy Elliott and Coach Dave Foresyth. Missing from photo Hunter Sands. (courtesy photo).



Luna Chicks pitcher Kaitlyn Riley pitching during a recently played Wilmington Women's Adult Softball League game at Aprile Field. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Diana A. Chidsey f/k/a Diana A. Brensliber and Merrill A. Chidsey to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated November 30, 2004 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18185, Page 20 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 is the present holder by assignment from Citi Residential Lending Inc., as Attorney-in-Fact for Argent Mortgage Company, LLC to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Argent Securities Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-W1, Sale and Servicing Agreement dated April 19, 2005 dated February 13, 2009 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22755, Page 187; and corrective assignment from Argent Mortgage Company, L.L.C. to Deutsche Bank

National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 dated April 30, 2015 recorded at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29146, Page 294, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 310 River Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00PM on September 22, 2016, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Tewksbury with the buildings thereon now supposed to be numbered 310 River Road, situated on the Northerly side of River Road, and being shown as Lot 4A on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Tewksbury, Mass., for Henry B. Trull", dated March 28, 1996, Dana F. Perkins & Sons, Inc., C.E., which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 103, Plan 124B, and thus bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by said River Road, 240 feet;
WESTERLY: by Lot 3 on said plan, 110 feet;

NORTHERLY: by land of Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., 240 feet;
and
EASTERLY: by Lot 6 on said plan, 110 feet.

Containing 26,000 square feet of land, more or less.

This conveyance is subject to the easement granted by the grantors to Trull Brook Golf Course, Inc., on July 29, 1983, as recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2636, Page 617.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11961, Page 149.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the

time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Argent Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-W1, Asset-Backed Notes Series 2005-W1 Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Chidsey, Diana A. and Merrill A., 13-013347, August 24, 2016, August 31, 2016, September 7, 2016 160994 8/24,31, 9/7/16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Otto Contardi a/k/a Brad Contardi and Debra Contardi a/k/a Debra Dentreont to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated June 24, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 15569, Page 218, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 p.m. on September 21, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 101 QUINCY ROAD, TEWKSBURY, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the improvements thereon located in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 2-B on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision Plan of

Land in Tewksbury, Mass., for 'Michael Fabiano' Scale 1" = 40', March 29, 1989." Said plan being recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 169, Plan 4. Reference is hereby made to said plan for a more particular description of said Lot 2-B.

Subject to utility easement to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Book 1300, Page 297, Lowell Electric Light Corp., Book 1299, Page 238 and 240, and to the inhabitants of the Town of Tewksbury, Book 1360, Page 206.

Also conveyed is all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following described easements relating to Lots 2-A and 2-B, on the above-described plan.

A permanent twenty (20) foot wide access and driveway easement over Lot 2-A, running along the northwesterly boundary of Lots 2-A and 2-B, for the benefit of Lot 2-B. Said easement shall run with the land and be binding on the successors in title to Grantee.

A permanent ten (10) foot wide drainage easement along the westerly boundary of Lot 2-A, for the purpose of

access to and maintenance of the drainage facilities located on Lot 2-A, for the benefit of Lots 2-B and Lot 1. Said easement shall run with the land and be binding on the successors in title to Grantee.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to us by deed of David L. Dufresne, dated December 29, 2000, and recorded with said Deeds at Book 11261, Page 200.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11261, Page 200.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or

encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Successor by merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201512-0319 - YEL 161003 8/24,31, 9/7/16

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S
NOTICE OF
SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Barry P. Aleo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Call Mortgage Co. INC., its successors and assigns, dated October 6, 2006 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20599, Page 121 subsequently assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 23056, Page 126, subsequently assigned to CM REO Trust by Bank of America National Association successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 26814, Page 27, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for NRZ pass-through Trust IV by CM REO Trust by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 28763, Page 256, subsequently assigned to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust IV by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 29256, Page 192 and subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 29256, Page 199; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on September 7, 2016 at 626 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Tewksbury, said Middlesex County; and being shown as Lot 40 and 16 on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Watt Grove Gardens, Tewksbury, Mass., owner Arthur A. Bosivert", S. Albert Kaufmann, Engineer, dated March 16, 1954, and recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 83, Plan 193, said lots being further bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY by Chandler Street, one hundred seventy-one (171) feet; NORTH-

WESTERLY by a curved line forming the intersection of said Chandler Street and Euclid Road, fifty-one and 79/100 (51.79) feet; EASTERLY by said Euclid Road, one hundred thirty-three and 9/100 (133.09) Feet; SOUTHERLY by lots 39 and 17 as shown on said plan, two hundred (200) feet; WESTERLY by Boisvert Road, fifty-one and 1/100 (51.01) feet and NORTHWESTERLY by a curved line forming the intersection of Boisvert Road and Chandler Street, twenty six and 75/100 (26.75) feet. Said lot 40 contains 13,150 square feet and Lot 16 contains 10,515 square feet, a total of 23,665 square feet. Being the same premises conveyed to Barry P. Aleo from James B. Harmon dated February 28, 2006 recorded in Book 19857, page 62 with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

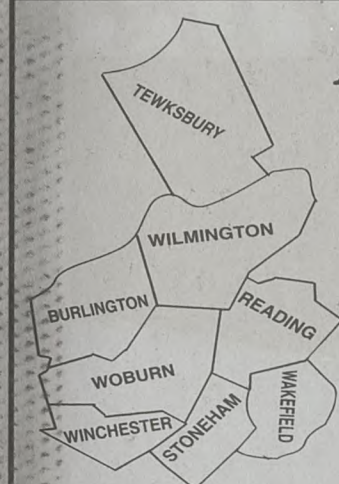
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The suc-

cessful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Present Holder of said Mortgage, By its Attorneys, ORLAND MORAN PLLC, PO Box 540540, Waltham, MA 02454, Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-017190

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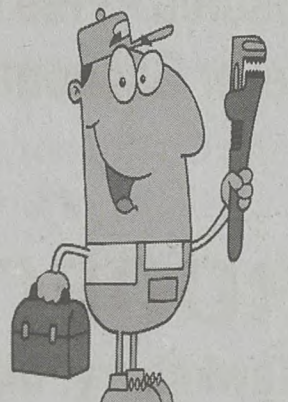
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